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JAPAN WILL NOT BE TOO PLEASED WITH SITUATION ONLY THE BEGINNING OF MORE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS?

Berlin, To-day.

BERLINERS RUBBED THEIR EYES twice when they read the announcement of the impending conclusion of a non-aggression pact with the Soviet in special editions of this morning's newspapers.

Surprise at this sudden development in relations between Nazi Germany and Bolshevik Russia is not disguised. The newspapers carry the announcement in the biggest possible type, but hitherto without comment.

The negotiations had been kept an exceedingly close secret and were presumably known only to a few high officials, since there is not one Wilhelmstrasse spokesman who does not profess the "greatest surprise."

Foreign political circles regard the move as a tremendous success for Germany, completely changing the political situation in Europe.

Perhaps, they add, it is only the beginning of more important developments.

NONE TOO PLEASED
The effect on Germany's relations

with Japan is awaited with great interest.

It is thought that Japan will probably not be too pleased with the rapprochement between Berlin and Moscow, as she had no doubt counted on closer relations with the Nazis at the expense of Russia.—Reuter.

QUIET ON THE BORDER

According to Mr. F. E. Booker, Assistant Superintendent of Police, New Territories, the situation along the border is calm and quiet.

Reports that the Japanese are moving up big guns along the border were denied.

The movements of the Japanese troops cannot be ascertained, according to both Police and military sources.

The narrow frontier road from Shataukok to Sheungshui has been closed to the public, including the Press, by the Military authorities.

Japanese troops which landed from transports yesterday morning have all

CHINESE CURRENCY DISCUSSION

The "China Mail" is informed that every effort is being made to stabilise the Chinese currency, and that there is hope that the efforts will be successful.

Mr. Cyril Rodgers, finance expert of the Bank of England and Chairman of the Anglo-Chinese Stabilisation Committee, is still in the Colony conferring with leading Chinese financial experts.

Nothing has yet been decided, but suggestions and proposals are being carefully discussed and studied.

A leading Chinese bank official stated this morning that there was hope that the Chinese currency would soon be stabilised.

moved up to the border on the Chinese side.

The Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General A. E. Grassett, personally inspected the border yesterday, following which he ordered the frontier path to be closed.

CHINESE BANKS ORDERED TO MOVE TO YUNNANFU

(Exclusive To The "China Mail")

The head offices of four Chinese Government banks, have received orders from Chungking to remove to Kunming as soon as possible.

The financial organisations are the Central Bank of China, The Agricultural and Industrial Bank of China, The Bank of China Limited, and the Bank of Communications.

The head offices of these four Government controlled banks were formerly in Shanghai, but transferred their offices to Hong Kong following the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese

hostilities in 1937.

The "China Mail" understands that orders for the removal of the four banks to Kunming were issued by Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Finance Minister, and endorsed personally by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

It is pointed out that it is essential that the head offices of the banks be transferred to Kunming, which, now connected with Burma by highway, has become the gateway of commerce and industry with the western nations.

The "China Mail" learns that the banks concerned have yet made arrangements to remove to the capital of Yunnan Province, and that they are opposed to the suggestion.

If they do comply with the order, removal will take place within two months' time.

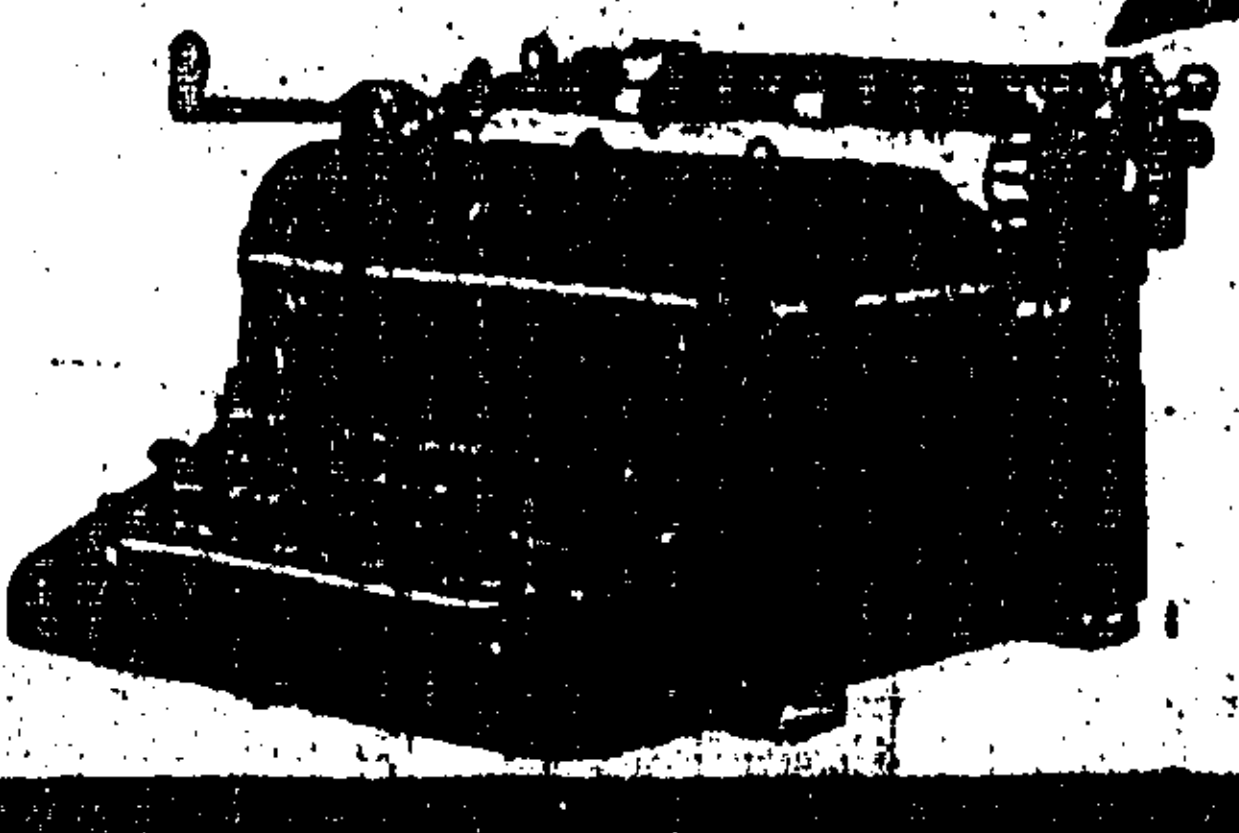


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Provisions Of The Defence Act

OBLIGATIONS ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES and employers to provide air-raid shelters for the public and for employees, and to train their staff in A.R.P. work, are set out in the Civil Defence Act, the text of has now been issued.

Occupiers of factories and mines, and owners of commercial buildings employing more than 50 persons are called upon under the Act to provide air-raid shelters for their staff.

Such occupiers and owners must report to their factory inspector on the steps they have taken to provide such shelters within three months of the "appropriate date." This, however, is not more definitely specified than the date of the first issue of approval of a code, or of the formal issue of the list of specified areas, which ever is the later.

GOVERNMENT GRANT

For all shelters constructed under the Act the Government will give a grant of 27½ per cent, the equivalent of the income-tax rate at 5s 6d, provided that by Sept. 30 the work is completed, or begun, or that preparatory steps have been taken for the provision of a shelter, which will satisfy the Minister that it will be completed within "a reasonable time" after that date.

The Act gives local authorities power to earmark specified premises for use as public air-raid shelters or air-raid precautionary purposes. This is subject to the right of appeal to the Minister of Civil Defence by the owner of the premises within 14 days.

Owners of these designated premises are forbidden to make any structural alterations therein without the consent of the local authority.

Compensation is to be paid for loss while the A.R.P. work is carried out, and for any subsequent loss of value caused by necessary alterations.

Provision is also made for the construction by local authorities of underground car parks, which will be suitable for shelters.

TRAINING EMPLOYEES

It is explained by the A.R.P. Department that shelters constructed for

employees must conform with the standard laid down in the provisional code, which gives the minimum requirement for overhead and lateral protection.

A revised edition of the code is in preparation, and will be issued as soon as practicable. It is pointed out that it will not differ from the provisional code "in essentials."

The Act calls upon a person employing more than 30 people in any factory, mine, or commercial building, to make a report in writing to the district factory inspector, within one month of the passing of the Act, July 13, of the measures taken to train his employees. This training is in the routine to be followed in the event of an air raid. An employer must also report that he has equipped a "suitable number" to give first aid treatment, to deal with the effects of gas, and to fight fires.

Other matters dealt with in the Act relate to the provision of suitable clothing for A.R.P. workers, equipment and stores for first aid parties and decontamination squads, the covering of glass with wire-netting, and the provision of dark blinds and screens, or paint, for rendering windows opaque.

Section 4 refers to the duty of local authorities on the strengthening of basements for public shelters, and the powers conferred on them.

Leaflets explaining the Act are now being sent to all authorities, to occupiers of factories, and to owners of commercial buildings.

CONFERENCE OF OSLO POWERS

Brussels, To-day.
The Netherlands Government has accepted the Belgian invitation to a conference of the "Oslo Powers" which is being held here to-morrow (Wednesday). The Netherlands will be represented by her Foreign Minister.
It is considered certain that the conference will be entirely devoted to problems of international politics.—Reuter Bulletin.

MORE JAPANESE VANDALISM

Chungking, To-day.
Five Britons — including three Australians and a Canadian, three of them women — and an American woman had narrow escapes during a raid of 36 Japanese bombers on Kating on Saturday, according to foreign reports reaching here.

One foreign report estimates the casualties at 500, but the Chinese estimate is 1,000.

Many incendiary bombs were dropped, causing numerous fires. Most of the buildings in the city's business district were wrecked.

CHURCH DESTROYED

A Canadian church adjoining a

VOLUNTEER SERVICES SHORTAGE

London, To-day.

Anxiety at the decreasing number of applications received for various auxiliary service organisations is expressed in the London press.

The "Daily Telegraph" reports that in all there was a shortage of 350,000 men. It had become evident that the first batches of volunteers included many who were unfit for service.

In the last week, applications had greatly diminished. As against an average of 100,000 a week in April and 50,000 a week until recently, applications last week only amounted to about 24,000.

The position was particularly unsatisfactory in Glasgow, where only 17,000 had applied, while 35,000 were wanted.

In London alone, 20,000 A.R.P. wardens, 11,000 volunteers for ambulance work, 15,000 assistant A.R.P. wardens and 2,000 men for the auxiliary fire brigade were needed.—Trans-Ocean.

PHONES CUT

Berlin, To-day.

Telephone connections between Warsaw and Berlin were interrupted at midnight last night.

The Berlin exchange was unable to put through any calls to Warsaw as, it was stated, the wires had been severed in Poland.—Trans-Ocean.

clinic was demolished.

Nine students were killed when a bomb fell on a building of the Wuhan University, which had moved to Kating after the fall of Hankow.

A special plane chartered by the American Relief Committee has left Chungking for Kating with doctors and nurses.—Reuter.

GERMANY STANDS FIRM ON DANZIG

ALMOST THE WHOLE news section of the German press continues to be filled with lengthy despatches on alleged Polish "precautions," says a Trans-Ocean message from Berlin.

Obviously with the intention of working up public feeling, the newspapers publish what purport to be eye-witness stories of "brutal treatment meted out to Germans in Poland by the Polish authorities and armed members of the Polish insurgent association."

Polish troops and workers are reported to be engaged in the construction of defence works along various sectors of the Polish frontier, while garrisons in the neighbourhood of the frontier are said to have been considerably reinforced in the last 24 hours.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" says that Germany has a claim for reparation in respect of Poland and intends to stand firm on this demand.

SOLUTION IMPERATIVE

London and Paris are well aware, says the paper, that a solution of the Danzig question has become imperative, and it is no longer a question of whether but of how it is to be solved.

The paper talks of Hitler's "historic mission" and says there is no difference between Austria, the Sudetenland and Memel, and Danzig or the Corridor.

Reparation in all these cases, according to the journal, is a matter of "national honour." Some have already been settled—others await settlement.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE TO EUROPE

Tokyo, To-day.

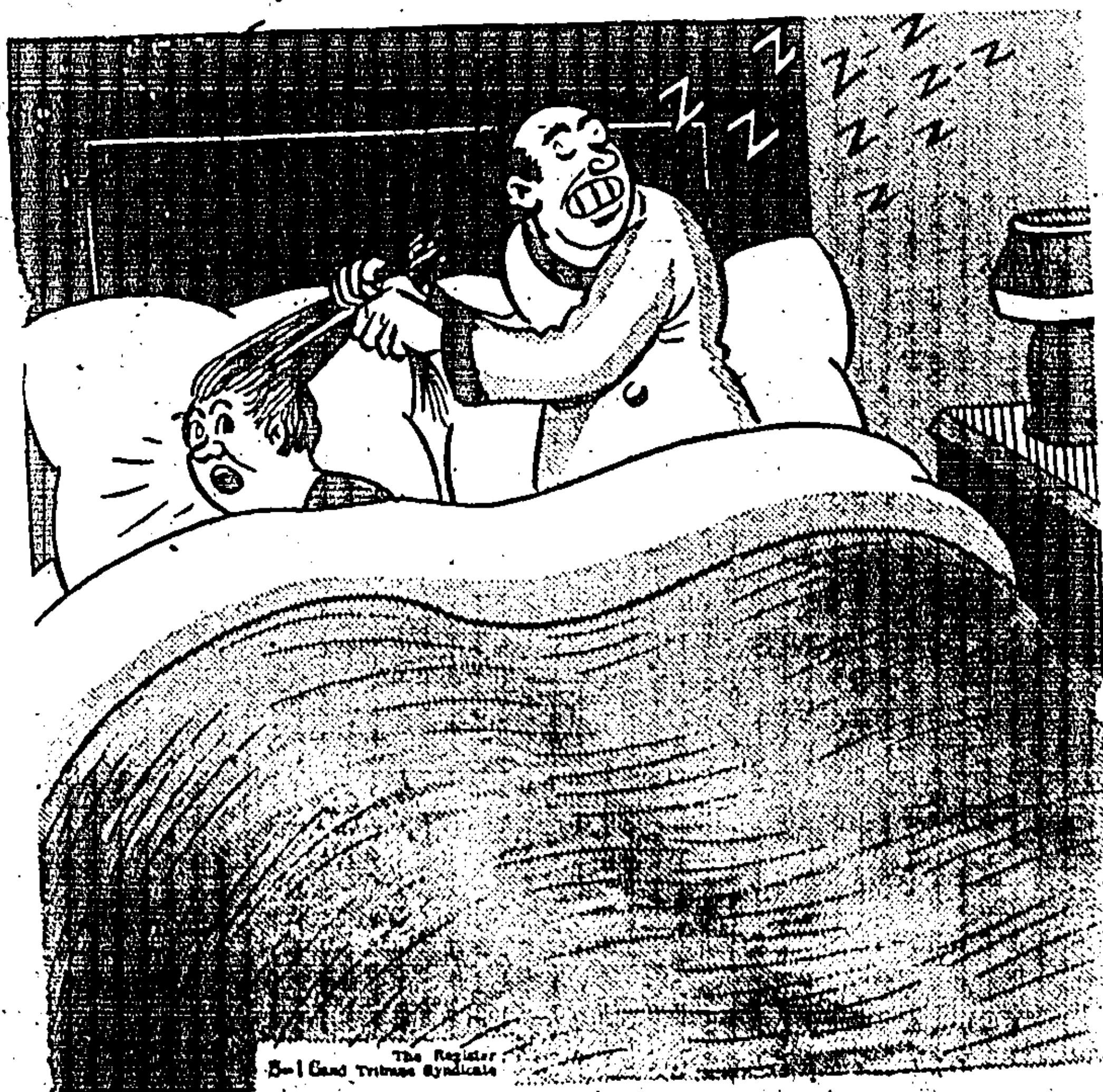
The Premier, Baron Hiranuma, was received by the Emperor once more yesterday morning at the Imperial summer residence of Hayama to report on foreign and domestic questions.

Later the Premier had a conversation with the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, Kurahei Yuasa.

It is learned that the attitude to be taken by the Japanese Government in the question of the Anglo-Japanese negotiations and towards European developments was discussed at the conference.—Trans-Ocean.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



"Harry! Stop having those nightmares about weeding the garden!"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

GRANTS OF £600,000 TO COLONIES; WAR ON INSECT PESTS HELPED

STRIKING EVIDENCE OF THE ceaseless warfare being waged throughout the British Empire between the medical scientist and the parasite is contained in the 10th annual report of the Colonial Development Advisory Committee.

The rhinoceros beetle that is threatening the copra industry in Fiji; the citrus fruit-piercing moth of the Gold Coast and Sierra Leone; and the sugarcane mothborer of Mauritius are among the enemies of Empire food and fruit production.

TROUBLE STIRRED UP IN NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese reports from Nanking state that the anti-British feeling in Nanking has been intensified through reports of Saturday's shooting affray between the Ta Tao police and a British member of the Shanghai Municipal Police, resulting in the killing of two Ta Tao men.

It is reported that Nanking civic organizations "opposed to British policy" are demanding that the puppet Shanghai Municipality take "drastic measures against the Shanghai Municipal Council."

Leaders of anti-British groups in Nanking claim that the incident constituted an insult to the Nanking Reformed Government, under whose orders the Ta Tao Police act.

Some agitators demand that Britons be driven out of China!

One of the organizations called a mass meeting at which it was decided to launch a campaign for the "restoration" of the Shanghai International Settlement to "Chinese" control, through "the mobilization of the people."

Meanwhile, Puppet Mayor Fu Siao-en, of Shanghai, has called on the S.M.C. Chairman, lodging a protest against the shooting.

A "satisfactory reply" can hardly be expected to this protest by the unrecognised representative of an unrecognised puppet government, since the Shanghai Municipal Police maintain that the shooting was started by Ta Tao men, "who are fully responsible for the whole affair."—Trans-Ocean.

***In connection with the periodic clamour for the "restoration" of the Settlement, it might be noted in passing that this is impossible, since the Settlement has never been under Chinese control. Its "restoration," therefore, is out of the question.

RICE RIOTS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Some 200 half-starved coolies and street-sleepers raided rice shops in the International Settlement yesterday, and this morning special guards were placed on duty outside the shops to prevent further looting.

Yesterday the price of rice soared higher and was sold between \$40 and \$50 per picul.

It is estimated that there is now sufficient rice in Shanghai to last only three weeks.—Our Own Correspondent.

Then a fungus disease is causing great distress to the banana growers of Jamaica; a tick eradication campaign is in progress to save the cattle, goats and sheep of the Virgin Islands; the advance of undulant fever among goats is viewed with apprehension in Malta; serious economic losses are being experienced by the ravages of caprine pleuropneumonia among the goats of Nigeria.

"TANG" IN TOBACCO

"The whole future of the banana industry of Jamaica," it is recorded, is threatened by an outbreak of a fungal disease known as "leaf spot," or Sigatoka disease (caused by *Cercospora Musae*), which began in a small way in 1936. By the beginning of 1937 it had increased in intensity. The Committee recommend a grant of £285,000 to help to meet the cost of a new Division of the Department of Agriculture created to fight the disease.

Even the elimination of "an unpleasant tang" in the tobacco grown in Mauritius is claiming the attention of the experts. It appears that owing to this "tang" Mauritius tobacco has not found favour in the export market; but "it is hoped that by means of research work it may be possible to find or breed a variety of the tobacco plant which will combine the yield and resistance to pests and disease" of the local "Amarello" with an absence of "tang."

A free grant of £14,000 goes to help the natives of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, that scattered group of coral atolls in mid-Pacific which half a century ago were the hunting-ground of the "black-birders" who kidnapped labour for the coffee plantations of Central America.

BETTER COFFEE

Another free grant of £23,000 will assist research into coffee-growing in Tanganyika. Tanganyika coffee is of high quality and so far its markets have not suffered by over-production of the lower coffee grades.

"It is important, however," the report states, "if it is to maintain its markets, that no opportunity should be neglected to improve still further the class of coffee produced."

During the 10 years since the institution of the Colonial Development Fund a sum of close on £8,000,000 has been approved for the assistance of Colonies. For the year 1938-39 covered by the report the Advisory Committee has recommended that £625,116 should be contributed towards various schemes for fighting plant and animal disease. The total cost of these schemes is estimated at £1,177,200.

CARMONA LEAVES SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown, To-day.

President Carmona of Portugal left in the presidential liner yesterday on the conclusion of his State visit to South Africa.

Large crowds gave him an enthusiastic send-off and salutes of 21 guns were fired from a British warship and from shore forts.—Reuter Bulletin.



Raymond Lui and his Hawaiian Serenaders who will be appearing on the stage of the Queen's Theatre for three days from Thursday.

LONDON MARKETS CAUTIOUS

London, To-day.

Stock exchange prices are generally marked down as a precautionary measure in view of the international situation.

Selling pressure, however, was only small and a steadier tone was visible near the close.

International political considerations were mainly responsible for increased buying of certain commodities, including wheat and cotton.

A rise of 7/16 to 17-9/16 pence in the price of silver surprised the market and the only explanation offered was the fact that moderate buying found sellers extremely reserved.

Wall Street was "lower."—Reuter.

HALIFAX LOOKS SERIOUS

London, To-day.

Among many callers at 10, Downing Street, yesterday was Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, stayed to lunch with the Prime Minister.

He looked rather serious on leaving No. 10 but gave a smile to photographers as he walked to the Foreign Office to keep an appointment with Mr. George Lansbury, the veteran Labour M. P.

Lord Chatfield, Defence Co-ordination Minister, called at the Foreign Office in the afternoon.—Reuter Bulletin.

AUXILIARY NURSE SERVICE

An examination in first aid was held at the Kowloon Hospital on Thursday, August 17. The examiners were Drs. H. Talbot, and J. E. Dovey, assisted by Mr. A. Steven.

The following candidates satisfied the examiners and will be awarded the St. John Ambulance Association Certificate in due course:—

Miss E. Allen, Mrs. R. H. Andreas, Mrs. Z. Bodgady, Mrs. M. Bowden, Miss S. M. Bancroft, Miss A. Chan,

PEIPING TRADE IS FLOODED OUT

Peiping, To-day.

Trade in North China is virtually at a standstill as the result of the disastrous Tientsin floods which caused a drop in the local exchange value of the Chinese national dollar from 4d to below 3d.

Railway services have been upset, and trains were arriving here from Tientsin yesterday crowded with Chinese refugees fleeing from the floods.

Many slept the previous night on the platform at Tientsin station.

DISRUPTION POSSIBLE

Travellers report much flood water on either side of the Peiping-Tientsin section of the railway.

If the rains continue, disruption of the Peiping-Tientsin railway traffic is probable.

The Peiping area is still free from floods and the harvest is being gathered normally, but flood conditions are reported from many other parts of Hopei province.—Reuter.

Miss Julian Chua, Mrs. J. E. Chan, Sister Clement, Mrs. W. S. Geall, Miss Patricia Loseby, Sister Santa Marie, Sister Henrietta Marie, Sister Rose Olive, Mrs. Nora Passmore, Mrs. Carmen Prestonjee, Mrs. W. H. Peters, Mrs. G. A. Shea, Mrs. C. P. Snoswell, Mrs. Helen Thomson, Sister Rose Victor and Mrs. E. Wood, Mrs. P. Wu.

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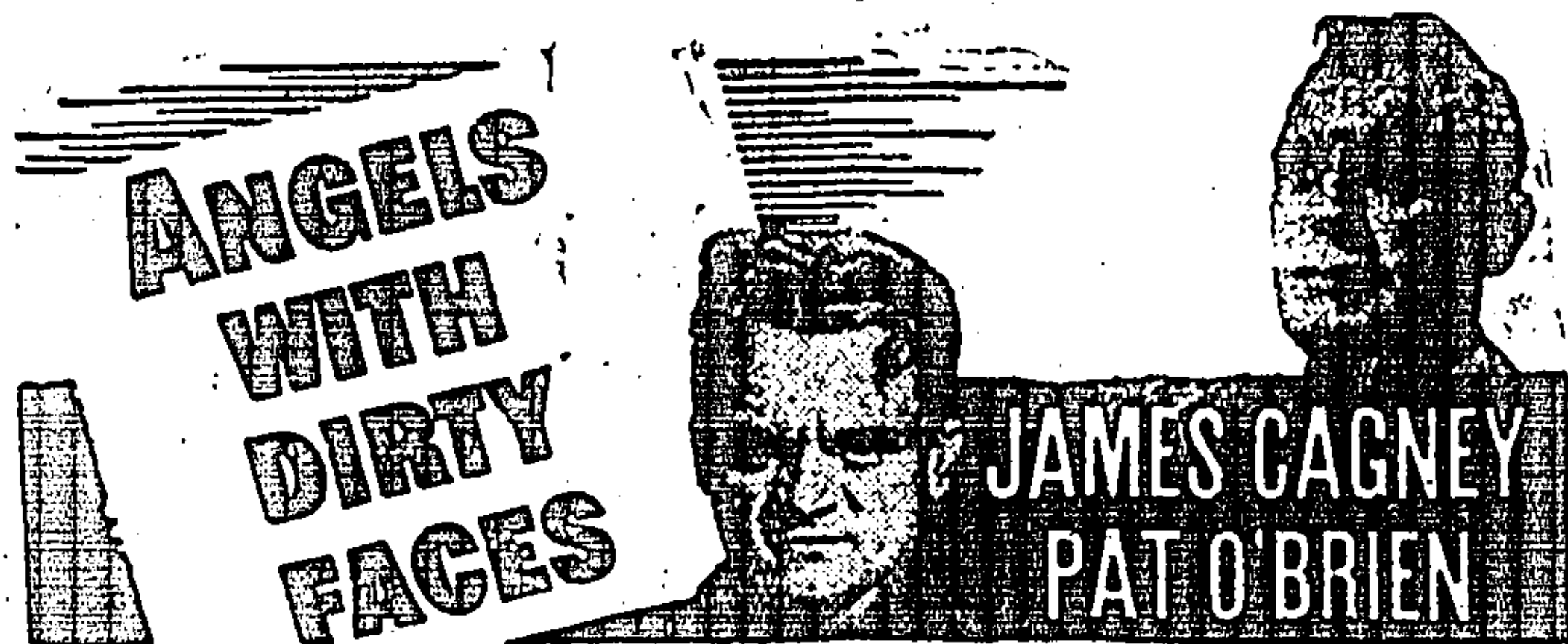
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ARGYLE STREET GUN BATTLE STORY TOLD AT SESSIONS

The Argyle Street shooting affair of May 30 between a detective and armed robbers, during which a woman was killed, and the subsequent attempt to shoot Sergeant Pope following a robbery in Shanghai Street, was related in full at the Criminal Sessions this morning when two men appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, on several counts.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the Crown and the accused were not represented.

The accused are charged with robbery by two or more of a quantity of gold articles from No. 449, Shanghai Street, unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, shooting at Sergeant Pope with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, maim, disfigure and disable Sergeant Pope and to evade arrest and with shooting at Sergeant Pope with intent to murder.

The jury was composed of the following:—Francis Connolly (foreman), Cahn Keng, Chung King-sin, Yap Fui-san, Tso Yin-kin, Loo Suen-wing and Lionel Bruce Chuey.

Mr. Prentis said that on May 30, a robbery was committed at the goldsmith's shop at No. 449 Shanghai Street. Shortly before noon the managing partner and his foks were in the shop. Among the foks were Leung Ki who was sitting near the entrance of the shop and Leung Wing who was slightly in the rear of the premises near the lavatory. Suddenly a Chinese man appeared in the shop. He was dressed in black. He pointed a gun at Leung Ki and told him not to move.

Four men then rushed into the shop. They were all armed with revolvers, and a shot was heard in the street. All the five robbers lined themselves along the counter behind which three accountants were sitting. They broke the glass counters with the butts of the revolvers and extracted a quantity of gold articles.

As this was going on Leung Wing heard the shots and shouts. Realising that the shop was being robbed he ran back and there met another foki, Leung Pui who was blowing a police whistle. Leung Wing took the whistle from him and ran through the back door to Dundas Street. He saw four men advancing towards him and cross the opposite side of the road. They attracted his attention by the revolvers they were carrying. One of the men was carrying an umbrella.

FIRE TWICE

Leung blew his whistle and the four men hurried on and one turned and fired two shots at Leung. The men then turned into Portland Street and then into Cheung Sha Street where Leung followed them blowing his whistle at intervals. At Cheung Sha Street three more shots were fired at Leung. The robbers turned into Soy Street and then into Sai Yeung Choi Street with Leung still following them. At this point Leung shouted "Robbers" and continued blowing his whistle. His cries were heard by a detective who was escorting two female banishes to the station. The robbers saw the detective, Tang Kia, stop, and they pointed their revolvers at him. Tang then shouted "I am Not a detective." The robbers did not shoot but continued on. Tang followed them and at the corner of Nelson Street and Argyle Street the four men held up a lorry by crossing in front of it. The detective got on the lorry and told the driver to proceed and take the next turning with the hope of intercepting their robbers. When the robbers reached Argyle Street they turned into Waterloo Road. When they passed Tung Choi Street the lorry came up behind and Tang alighted. When near house No.

58 or 60 the detective challenged them to stop. They continued and were crossing Sai Yee Street and the detective opened fire. The robbers returned the fire and in the exchange of shots the detective was hit. A passerby a woman Au Yeung Yim-wan who was between the two fires was hit and later died. It could not be proved which shot killed her.

In spite of his wound Tang continued the chase. After passing the railway bridge the four robbers separated, three turning into Victory Avenue. One reaching the corner of Peace Avenue the detective saw an Indian sergeant and other constables and left the chase to them while he returned to the station and was later admitted to Hospital. In the meantime Leung Wing had still maintained his watch on the robbers and saw them making for a path leading to the Hounmuntin cemetery. At this path the Indian police gave up the chase and Leung saw them use a telephone at the Texaco filling station.

MADE FOR HILLS

Leung saw the robbers making for the hills and returned to the shop. Here he found Inspector Carey and Sergeant Pope making enquiries. He told the Police officers what he knew and then took the police in two cars to the point where the robbers had taken the final route.

The police then broke up into two parties, Sergeant Pope with one and Inspector Carey with the other. After searching for 15 minutes round the face of the hill Sergeant Pope suddenly came upon three men who were squatting in a hollow. Calling on them not to move Sergeant Pope jumped into the hollow and caught hold of one of the men. At the same time he called out to one of his detective assistants. The other two men then ran to one side of the hollow, and first defendant turned round and shot at Sergeant Pope. Pope then twisted the arm of the man he held and tried to draw his gun but the robbers had disappeared. The Chinese detective took Pope's prisoner over, but he saw two men leaving the hollow and about 30 to 40 yards from him. He opened fire, which the men returned. After this exchange of shots the men took a path leading to the Hounmuntin cemetery and disappeared. Sergeant Pope took up the chase and saw the men going down a water course. Later he met Inspector Carey and other police officers and a detective who suspected that the men had hidden themselves in an enclosure. After instructions from Carey the men scattered and Pope and Carey and a Chinese detective found the enclosure. The Chinese policeman was stationed at the entrance while Pope and Carey went inside and began to search.

The enclosure which had been used by villagers as a kind of chicken-pen contained a large number of hollows. After searching, Pope saw the feet of a man jutting out from some rocks. He arrested the man and in the crevice near by found a fully loaded mauser pistol and a quantity of jewellery which still had the price tags on them. The man was searched and a quantity of ammunition was found near by.

Continuing their search the Police arrested the second man. He was found hiding between some rocks and when arrested had a cocked and loaded automatic pistol and also some jewellery later identified as that stolen from Shanghai Street.

The statement made by the prisoners when charged was then read and Mr. Prentis concluded his outline by drawing attention to the charge in relation to the shooting. The men were charged with shooting at Sergeant Pope with the intent to murder and alternatively with intent to maim, disable or disfigure Sergeant Pope or to evade lawful arrest.

The case is proceeding.

50,000 REFUGEES FLEE FROM FLOODS INTO TIENTSIN

Chungking, To-day.
AS A RESULT of the flooding of the power plant, electric supply in the British Concession in Tientsin was cut off yesterday, states a Tientsin dispatch. The British Concession authorities are making arrangements with the electric works in the French Concession for the supply of electricity to the British Concession temporarily.

Over 50,000 Chinese flood refugees from the suburban districts have poured into Tientsin. The more well-to-do farmers came by ox-carts and mule-carts, bringing their movable belongings, while a large number of others came by boats and sampans.

Owing to the Japanese sentries' permission to the farmers to pass through the barricades with their cattle, the southern district of the British Concession looks now like a ranch. More than 500 cows were counted. The supply of milk has subsequently been increased, but there is a dire shortage of grass to feed the cattle.

APPEAL TO LONDON

It is learned that the British Concession authorities are contemplating the enforcement of martial law to prevent disturbances in view of the huge influx of refugees.

Meanwhile, they have cabled a message to the Mayor of London appealing for funds to relieve the refugees.

Mud walls have been built around the Japanese sentry posts as a protection against the flood. Several electrified barbed-wire entanglements built by the Japanese on the borders of the British and French Concessions are submerged. The Chinese populace hope that the Japanese will stop the electric currents to minimise danger.

Mud walls are being constructed at various points in the French Concession while Japanese engineers are also strengthening flood precautions in the Japanese Concession.—Central News.

WATERS RECEDE

Tientsin, To-day.
The flood situation has improved slightly. After rising six and a half feet last night the waters receded this morning to two to three feet in the Concessions, but communications and trade remain at a standstill.—Reuter.

KIANGSU DANGER

An undisclosed place in North Kiangsu, to-day.

The Kiangsu Provincial Government is tightening precautions against a flood disaster in north Kiangsu.

With the rise in the Yellow River, the Hwai River, the Chi River and the Grand Canal there is danger of a convergence of the flood waters in that part of the province.

Repair of the main dyke along the Grand Canal and dredging of the channels leading to the sea are both being rushed. Subsidies for the engineering projects amounting to \$300,000 are being sought for from the National Government.

Of the six principal outlets in north Kiangsu to the sea Sheyang Harbour is occupied by the Japanese. Dredging of the Toulung Harbour was completed early this year while Chuen-chien Harbour is still in good condition. Dredging work has to be done in Hsinyang Harbour, Wang Harbour and Chu Harbour.—Central News.

JAPANESE ARRESTED IN U.S.

Washington, To-day.
The United States Treasury has announced the arrest of two Japanese residents of Los Angeles for the attempted export of pistols and ammunition to the Japanese naval attaché in Shanghai.

The two Japanese are stated to have violated the Neutrality Law, which requires exporters to obtain a license before sending munitions out of the country.—Reuter.

FRANCE TO CALL UP EXPERTS

Paris, To-day.
M. Daladier, the French premier, received Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the British War Minister, yesterday morning and the two statesmen had a lengthy conversation.

The British war minister, who has been spending a short holiday on the Riviera, left Paris for London early yesterday afternoon.

Concerning rumours current in Paris since Saturday that a certain "indispensable measure of security" was about to be taken, no information is obtainable so far.

Political circles do not believe it is likely that certain classes of reservists will be called up within the next few days, but expect, on the other hand, that this will be the case with a large number of military technicians and specialists of all categories.

It is announced that a meeting of the French Cabinet will be held today, but nothing is known of its agenda.—Trans-Ocean.

SHIP'S COOK ON OPIUM CHARGE

Po Ying Sing, aged 40, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and fined \$2,500 or another 6 months' imprisonment by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning for being in unlawful possession of 720 taels of raw opium, valued at \$2,160.

Revenue Officer W. V. Aherne said that at 1 p.m. on Saturday Po was stopped in Navy Street. He was carrying a leather sult-case, containing the opium, which he dropped and ran. He was subsequently arrested. Defendant said that he was a firemen's cook on the Messageries Maritimes liner President Doumer and that he had only been employed in that capacity for 13 days. The Revenue Department believe that Po is an agent of opium and heroin gangs smuggling the drugs into Hong Kong.

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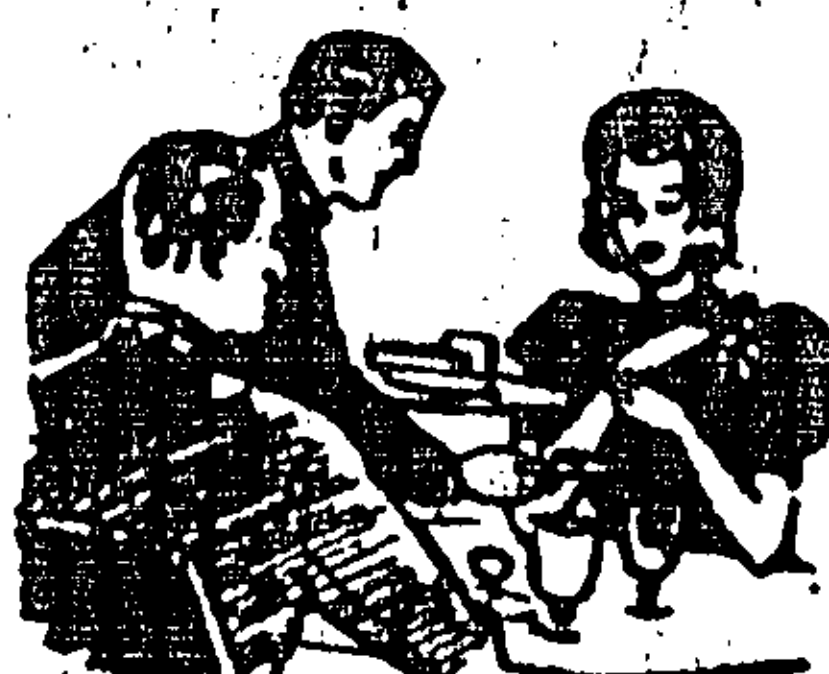
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SHANGHAI POPULATION SHIFT

Shanghai, To-day.

The population in the Japanese-controlled area of Shanghai, including Hongkew, Yangtsepoo and Chapel, has taken an immense upward jump as a result of the vastly increased cost of living in the International Settlement and the French Concession.

The latest census compiled by the Japanese-sponsored municipal authorities, who nominally control the occupied areas outside the two foreign zones, shows a population of 1,007,105 people, or an increase of about 40,000 over the figure a month ago.

In view of the fact that thousands of Chinese continue to move out of the foreign areas, the Japanese-run regime is reported to be considering a request to the French authorities to re-open the iron gates separating the Concession from Nantao, the Chinese area adjoining the Concession, so that former residents of the Chinese district may return to their homes with the minimum amount of difficulty.

In normal times the gates are always open, but since the beginning of the hostilities here in 1937 they have been closed.—Reuter.

TRAFFIC FINES

Admitting the summons but saying that he did not think his car had obstructed anything, J. J. Cameron, of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, was this morning fined \$5 for parking his car, No. 609, in Castle Peak Road, near the Ruttonjee's House.

A similar fine was imposed on G. Castle, of 12, Humphreys Building, for a similar offence at the same place and same time.

For leaving his car, No. 3821, unattended on the wrong side of Saigon Street on August 1 between 9.30 and 11.20 p.m., Lieut. K. P. Dube, of Hankow Barracks, Shamshupo Camp, was fined \$4.

CLOSING THE OPEN DOOR

Shanghai, To-day.

The extent to which the "Open Door" in China has been closed against the United States, Germany and Great Britain by the Japanese invasion and occupation of China's maritime provinces is shown by an analysis of returns just issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs covering the first half of 1939.

During the six months ended June 30, 1939, Japanese imports into China, valued at £10,247,547, constituted 31. per cent. of the country's total imports. During the corresponding period last year, Japan's share of the total was only 19.99 per cent.

American imports into China during the first half of this year, valued at £6,770,615, represented 15.46 per cent. of the total, compared with 19.36 per cent. last year.

Germany's imports, valued at £3,099,872, dropped to 7.09 per cent. from 15.03 per cent., while Great Britain's share, valued at £2,376,868, declined from 8.96 per cent. to 5.45 per cent.—Reuter.

STOLE MILK FROM BARRACKS

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of 19 milk bottles from outside the cook house of the Victoria Barracks, the property of the Dairy Farm, Lau Chun-wan, 19, unemployed was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged that the milk bottles were found in defendant's possession yesterday morning when he was near the cook house.



AUSTRALIAN ACTRESS LEAVES NURSING HOME TO WED.—Mary Maguire, the Australian film star, left her nursing home in Portland Place, London, in a wheelchair to marry Captain Robert Gordon Canning, late of the 10th. Hussars at the Catholic church in Spanish Place, London, West. Photo shows—Bridegroom holds the bride's hand as they waited for her chair to be lifted into the car after the ceremony.

TENSION INCREASING IN GERMAN CAPITAL "SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN VERY SOON"

Berlin, To-day.

TENSION SEEMS TO BE still increasing here, and the conviction is becoming widespread that something is going to happen very soon.

The "National Zeitung," which is closely connected with Field-Marshal Goering, writes in connection with the Anglo-Polish Treaty that "as in other important questions, the present week will bring a decision on this point too."

This plain hint is re-echoed in political circles, where it is emphasised that the alleged Polish "atrocities" cannot be allowed to continue much longer.

Meanwhile, reliable information suggests that Germany's trial mobilisation is rapidly progressing.

OSLO TALKS

NEUTRALITY ON THE AGENDA

Brussels, To-day.

The Foreign Ministers of the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland are expected to reach Brussels by this evening, according to an official announcement issued here, and the conference of the Oslo States will open tomorrow with the Belgian Foreign Minister in the chair.

Although the agenda has not yet been drawn up, informed quarters believe that the discussions will centre around the question of a policy of neutrality and independence to be pursued by the Governments adhering to the Oslo Convention.

It is anticipated that other problems including those of article sixteen of the League Covenant relating to sanctions, unrequested guarantees to neutral States by great powers, flying over of neutral territory by belligerent airplanes, and economic questions will likewise be examined.

Regarding article sixteen, it is pointed out that the position of the Oslo States was already laid down at the Copenhagen Conference in July 1938 which decided that an obligation to resort to sanctions could no longer be considered universally binding.

As regards flying over of neutral territory by airplanes of belligerent powers, which is a problem of particular interest to Holland and Belgium, it is said that the Belgian Government has taken the view that active resistance should be offered to any belligerent plane attempting to fly over Belgium and that this view is shared by the Netherlands Government.

Such attempts would, however, not necessarily and under all circumstances be considered as a *casus belli* in order to avoid as far as possible neutral countries being drawn into an international conflict.—Trans-Ocean.

Sentences of two and three months' hard labour respectively were imposed on Chan Pak-lam and Chan Tak, both 19, for stealing \$200, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning. They stole the money from Leung Yuen-cho who was boarding a bus in front of Po Hing Theatre in Nathan Road on Friday.

Nurses are being called up, propaganda units are being organised, the petrol shortage is becoming worse, soldiers are being inoculated, cars have been requisitioned (especially in Prussia) and long trails of lorries and tanks are on the move.

Cologne and other Rhineland towns last night started a three nights black-out.

SAME OLD DELUSION

Official quarters in Berlin are even more than usually uncommunicative, but individuals in German political circles still profess optimism, though they cannot explain why.

Many say they still cannot believe that Britain will go to war on account of Danzig.—Reuter.

ITALIAN WARNING

EUROPEAN POWDER BARREL ON POINT OF EXPLOSION

IN AN EDITORIAL IN THE semi-official newspaper "Giornale d'Italia", Signor Gayda under the headline "Facing the powder barrel," warns Britain and France that the European powder barrel is on the point of explosion. He reminds the western Democracies of the terrible danger of an open powder barrel with a burning fuse.

A war in order to keep Danzig, "which has been recognised as a German city even by Premier Chamberlain," away from the Reich, would mean throwing the whole of Europe into war and setting the whole world in flames.

The appeal made by France in the eleventh hour to Italy to save peace by intervention, is called "extraordinary" by Signor Gayda. He advises the French press to recall what has been written and said in France against Italy since the Munich agreement and to remember all France has left undone to further Italy's justified interests.

Italy's policy is a policy of the Axis powers, so Gayda emphasised, adding that as such it is guided by the desire "to find justice and right for those nations which want to live and object to hegemonies."

The article points out that Italy had advised Poland long ago to come to a direct agreement with Germany and to take in due account the historical as well as geographical realities. It was certainly not Italy's fault if such advice was left unheard and if this Italian "intervention" was not

NAZI PRESS AND BORDER TROUBLE

Berlin, To-day.

The situation along the German-Polish frontier is growing worse hourly, according to German reports reaching Berlin.

During the last two days, upwards of 2,000 fugitives have crossed the frontier and have been billeted in special refugee camps.

The bulk of the fugitives are the wives and children of men who, it is alleged, have been placed under arrest in Poland.

Signs of Polish military preparations are evident on all sections of the frontier. A system of trenches with machine-gun emplacements is being constructed in the district of Tylmanova, parallel with the River Dunajec.

ROADS BLOCKED

Near Szczawica, the district ceded to Poland by Slovakia in October, 1938, roads have been blocked with concrete barriers.

Polish military reinforcement have arrived at various frontier stations, particularly in the sector from Teschen to Schoenau. Bridges on main roads connecting Poland and Moravia have all been mined.

Large movements of Polish troops have been observed near Wirbitz, Reischswaldau, Peterswald and Friedeck.—Trans-Ocean.

At the request of Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning remanded Tam Yim, 30, broker, in police custody for three days pending further enquiries, when Tam was charged with obtaining a sum of \$300 by false pretences from a woman, Ma Yuet, on Sunday.

FIGHT IN INTERMENT CAMP

A fight between internees of the Matacheong Internment Camp on Saturday evening was this morning described before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy when nine internees were charged with disorderly conduct. All pleaded not guilty.

Inspector H. E. Rogers, Officer-in-Charge of the Kowloon City Police Station, stated that at 6 p.m. on Saturday the police were asked to pacify a fight between a large number of the internees in the Camp. When the arrived the police saw the fifth and eighth accused fighting.

After evidence, Mr. E. Himsworth sentenced the fifth and eighth accused to one week's hard labour each and discharged the other defendants.

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JAPANESE MISSION TO ITALY

Rome, To-day.
The Japanese mission headed by General Count Terauchi, former Commander-in-Chief in North China, and Admiral Osumi, accompanied by Messrs. Iseki and Fuyiwara, financial experts, is expected to arrive in Naples on Monday next on a lengthy visit to Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

BUTTER THEFT FROM DAIRY FARM

Two Chinese were sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when found guilty of the theft of \$300 worth of butter from the Dairy Farm stores at East Point.

The accused were Lo Ki, 23, coolie and Cheung Fo-kan, 26, boatman.

Detective Sergeant J. Allen told the Court that first defendant Lo was employed as a coolie in the Dairy Farm. Lo and second defendant Cheung together with several others, broke into the store room with a duplicate key and removed ten cases of butter.

First defendant Lo said they had sold the butter, and he got \$95 for his share, which he had spent and lost in gambling.

Second defendant admitted he had received \$49 for his share.

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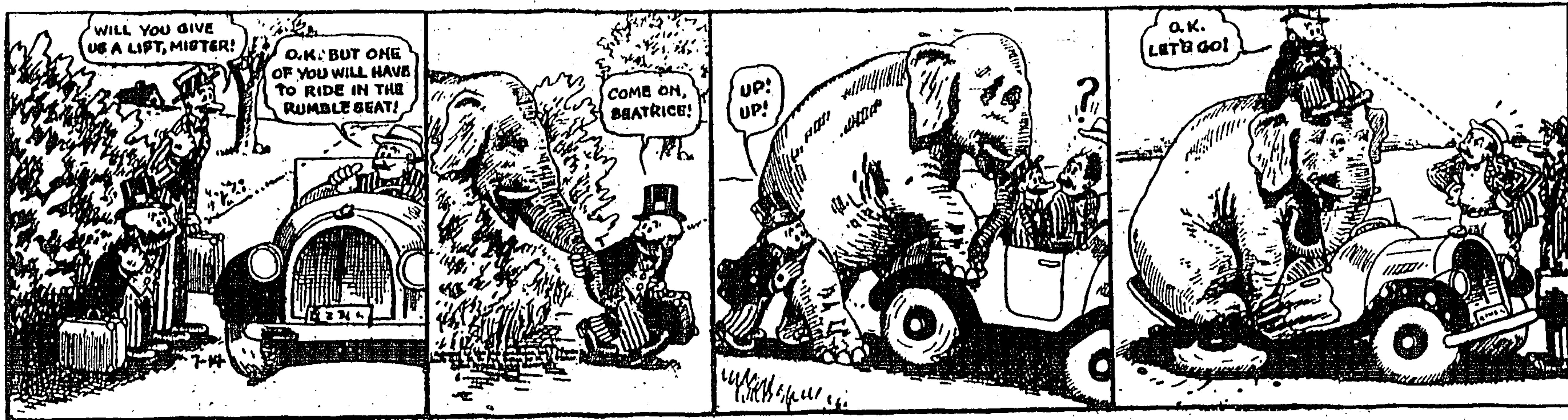
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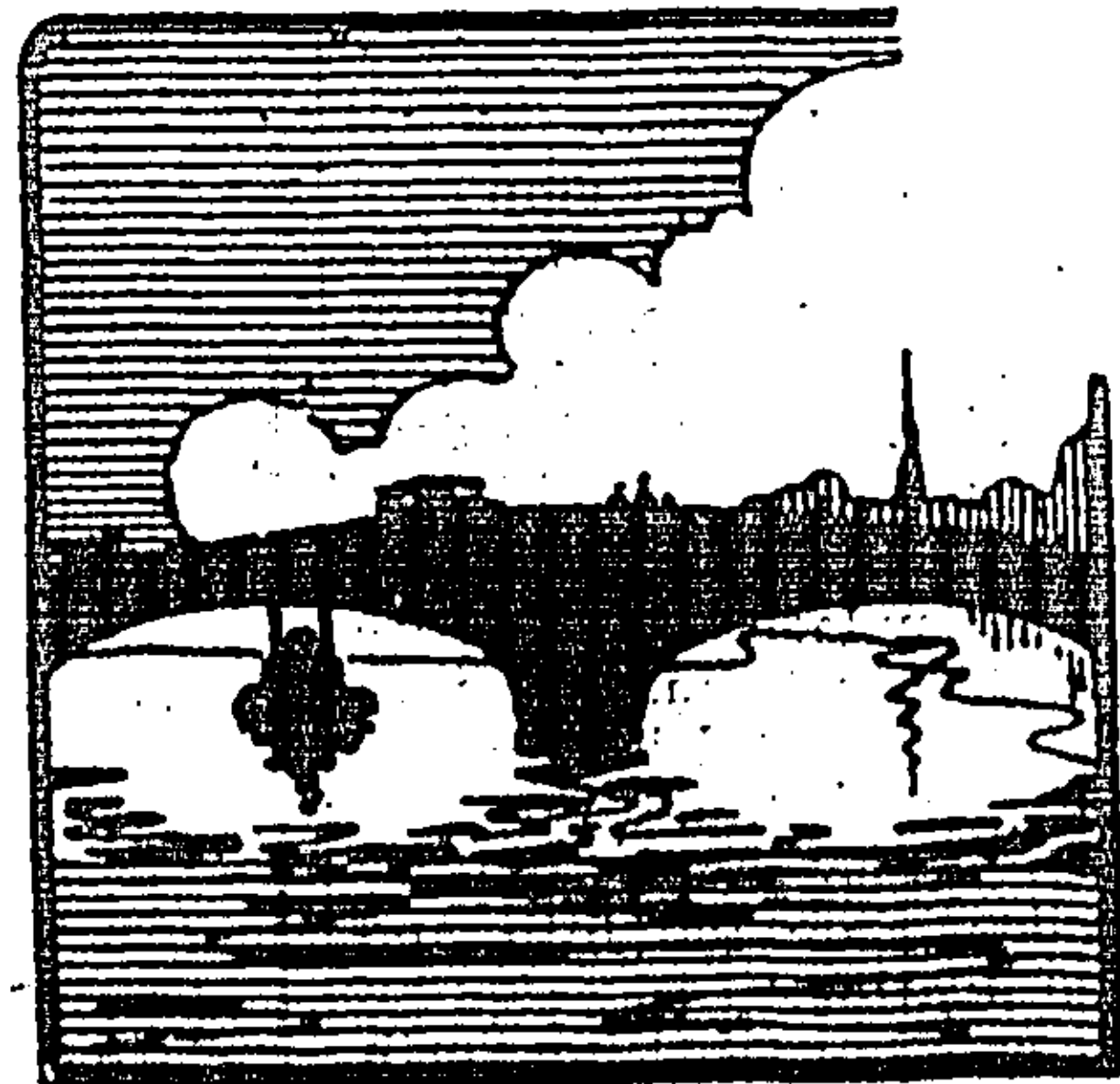
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He Didn't Belong

This party, Ned thought, was like every other party. Clark Havener had come of it. He was still a local hero, the feature of parties, still working as a clerk in Taylor's hardware store. Ned was always amused at the satisfied look on Clark's face. Graduation came, and Ned graduated at the head of his class. He was immediately employed by one of the biggest construction firms in the East. He liked his work, he was well informed, ambitious. He worked hard and went ahead fast. Within three years his salary and importance had reached astonishing proportions. His opinion was being quoted in all the trade magazines.

That summer Ned decided to go home. He had achieved his goal. He was famous. His accomplishments were recognised and respected. It made him laugh, thinking of Clark Havener and his small-town worship. Then he thought of Sandra and his heart quickened its beat. Surely Sandra knew of his success; surely she could think of him as nothing but a great man.

The town was the same and the people in it were the same. Just before he reached his mother's house, Ned met Wayne Fields. Wayne shook hands warmly. There was to be a party to-night. Ned should come and renew his old acquaintanceships. Ned promised, feeling that warm glow that is the result of deserved recognition. It wasn't until after he had gone on that he remembered Wayne hadn't spoken of his success.

By Meredith Scholl

ed a few minutes, then got his hat and slipped out unnoticed.

Driving home through the cool, moonlight-flooded summer night he wondered bitterly at the injustice of life. Why couldn't he have been born with some kind of talent? Why wasn't there one thing he could do that would excite the admiration of the young folks of Masonville?

Ned's mother was waiting up for him, as usual.

"You're home early, son. Why? Is it Clark Havener again?"

"There's nothing wrong with Clark, Mother. He's smart, that's all. You can't blame Sandra for her interest."

Mrs. Sedgewick shook her head gently. "Clark isn't smart, son. He was born with a little natural talent, but nothing will come of it. He hasn't the initiative to develop himself. He's a small-town boy, will always be satisfied with local glory."

In the months that followed, Ned had occasion to doubt his mother's words. There was talk of Clark's trying to get on Major Bowes' programme, of his attending a dramatic school, of his going to Hollywood. The talk ran on and on. Clark's popularity grew, and Sandra Young's admiration for him grew too. Bitterly, resentfully Ned watched her. He tried, unsuccessfully, to make a hero of himself in her eyes by telling of his plans for the future, by boasting of what a great man he was going to be. But always she only laughed and her eyes drifted to wherever Clark was performing.

So at last the time came for Ned to go away to the engineering school for which his mother had saved all during the years. The night before his departure he tried to see Sandra. She promised, but forgot her promise and went out with Clark instead.

During the next four years Ned, because of his interest in what he wanted to do, almost forgot about Masonville. His only connection with it now were thoughts of Sandra. She was still the goal toward which he was aiming. He always saw her on his infrequent trips home, and she was always nice to him in a patronising sort of way. But now he felt superior. There was still talk of Clark Havener's

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BRITISH ATTITUDE UNCHANGED

London, To-day.

WHILE TO-DAY'S CABINET meeting is naturally awaited with keen interest by the British public, official circles in London emphasise that the attitude of the Government is entirely unchanged.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns from official circles that whether or not the Axis Powers are convinced of British and French firmness of intention to lend assistance to Poland in the event of the latter being brought into conflict with Germany on account of a threat to Polish independence, is not a question which can be answered in London.

But that the Axis Powers should be alive to the attitude of the Democracies goes without saying.

Since the recent declaration of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons and Lord Halifax's speech on June 29, no chance has been lost to reiterate the sentiments therein expressed during subsequent contacts between representatives of the governments in Berlin and Rome.

It is pointed out that any effort to misinterpret the British attitude is part of the customary technique to shake the confidence of the Democracies and have an effect on neutral Powers.—Reuter.

FOREIGN LADY ATTACKED

Mrs. Emily Woods, of No. 4, Embankment Road, had a terrifying experience yesterday afternoon when a Chinese slapped her in the face and snatched her handbag in Kowloon Tong.

Some time later after this incident, another Chinese approached her and threw pepper into her face.

According to Mrs. Woods, she was walking with her small daughter at about 3.40 p.m. in Waterloo Road. On approaching Rutland Quadrant a Chinese came up to her and suddenly slapped her full in the face with one hand and snatched her handbag with the other.

Shouting for help, she pursued the snatcher through several streets. Two Chinese took up the chase and arrested the alleged culprit.

The second incident occurred while Mrs. Woods was following the two men, with the alleged snatcher between them, to the Kowloon City Police Station.

She said that when reaching the junction of Essex Crescent and Waterloo Road another Chinese approached her and threw pepper into her face. He escaped.

The bag was recovered. With contents it was valued at \$285.

The defendant appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning and was remanded in custody for 72 hours.

R.A.F. RECRUITS

London, To-day.

A total of 608 recruits joined the R.A.F. last week, bringing the total entry since last April to 16,552 compared with 8,754 in the corresponding period last year.—British Wireless.

London, To-day.

Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, British Minister in Paris, has been appointed Ambassador to Yugo-Slavia.—Reuter.

SIR S. HOARE SIGNS 113 ORDERS

London, To-day.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, has now signed 113 orders under the Prevention of Violence Act.

They comprise 85 expulsion, eight prohibition and 20 registration orders.

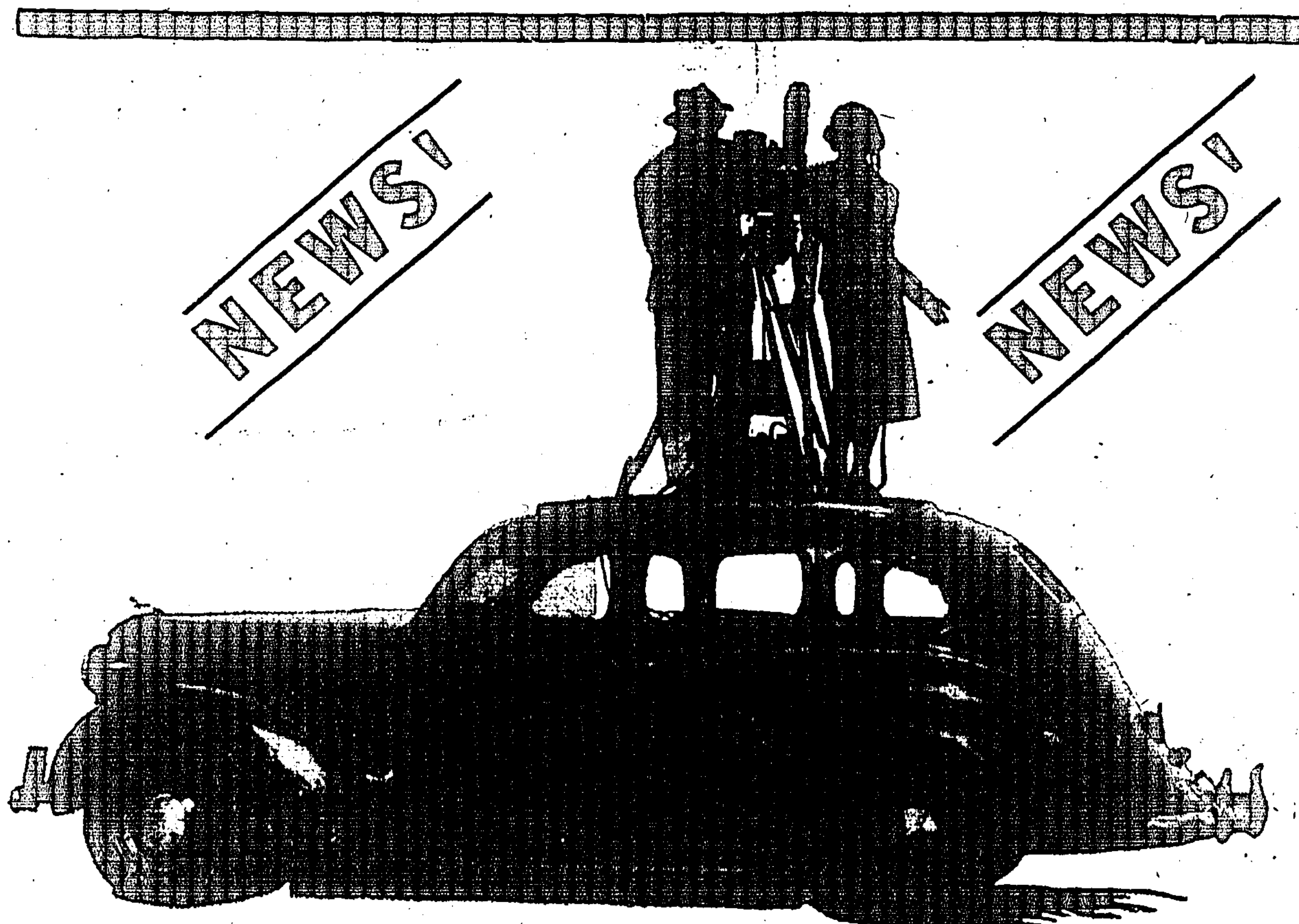
Two of the latest orders, for expulsion and prohibition, respectively, both concern women.—Reuter Bulletin.

CONFUSION AMONG THE CAMPBELLS

London, To-day.

The King has approved the appointment of Mr. Ronald Ian Campbell, Minister at Paris, to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Belgrade.

The appointment of Sir Ronald Campbell, whom Mr. Campbell will succeed at Belgrade, to be British Ambassador in Paris, was recently announced and gave rise to some confusion because in addition to Mr. Ronald Campbell already being there as Minister, Sir Ronald himself before he received the K.C.M.G. had been Minister in Paris about ten years earlier. Sir Ronald is seven years his namesake's senior, and they are not related.—British Wireless.



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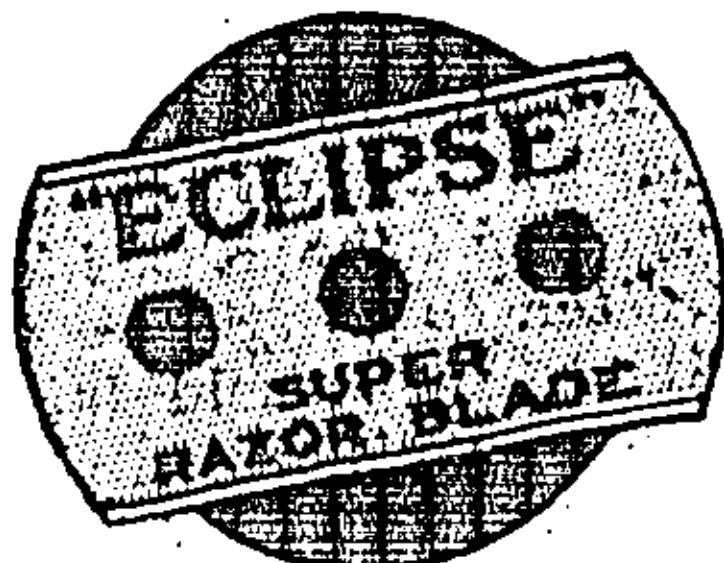
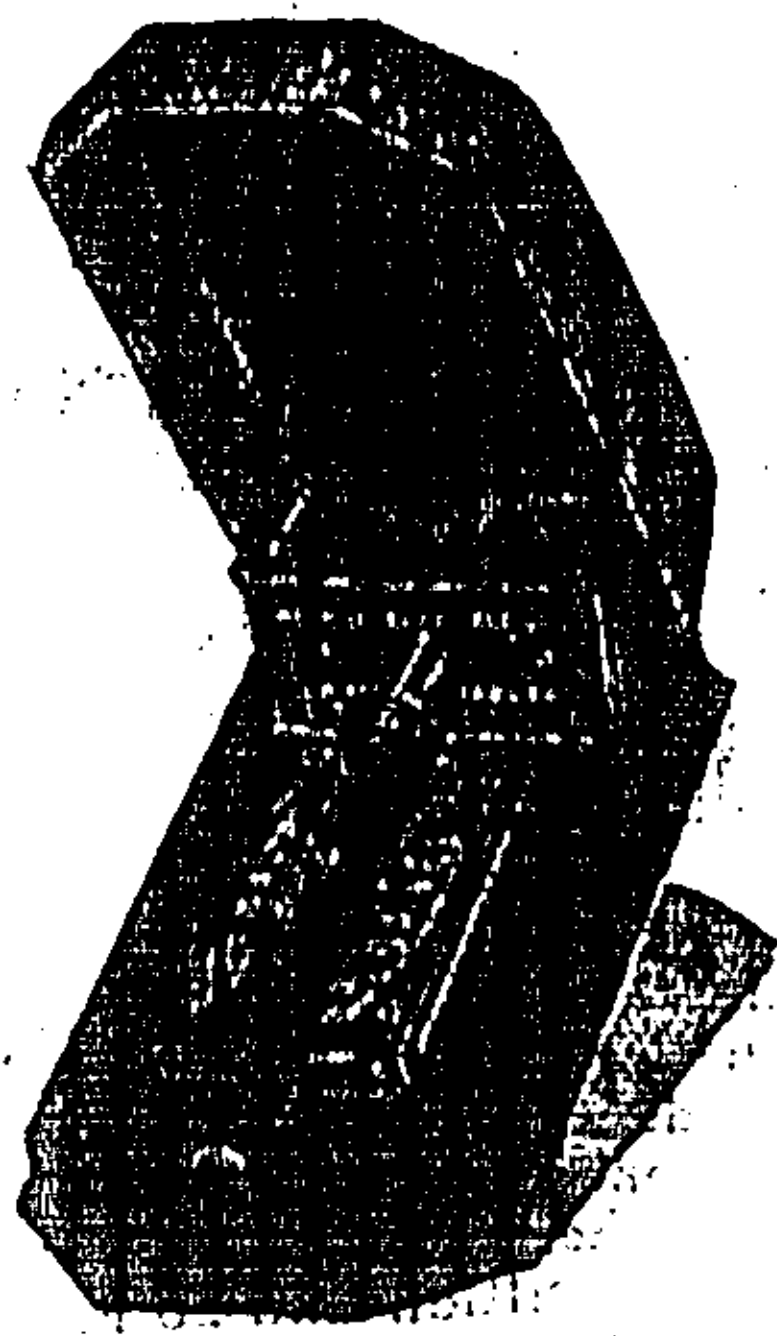
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WAR OF IMPROVEMENT

Other things being equal, this war would certainly end in defeat for the totalitarian states because the democracies are richer and possess greater reserves. But other things are not equal. The Nazi and Fascist leaders believe that their peoples can be brought to endure far greater hardships than Englishmen or Frenchmen. The authoritarian states have highly developed systems of propaganda. Moreover it is not expedient to grumble too loudly under authoritarian regimes. They hope to demoralise the democracies through the losses and deprivations which are associated with a long period of uncertainty and of intensive armament.

It is the counter-hope of many publicists in Great Britain and France that the dictatorships will have exacted so many deprivations in preparing for war that they will be unable to wage it effectively. These are the opposing calculations. But millions are praying that the nations will come to their senses before either plan is realised.—"Christian Science Monitor."

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GERMANY ALONE

The German Government... are not of opinion that the Danzig problem was one which could be solved by war. With that declaration, taken by itself, there will of course be cordial agreement; but it is modified by the further assertion that Germany insists on the unconditional return of Danzig to the Reich. It is not easy to understand how these two views are regarded by the German Government as mutually reconcilable. If Germany does not want or expect a war over Danzig no one else has any reason to want or expect one either. But it is she, and she alone, who has made of Danzig a problem threatening the peace of Europe, a problem which Herr Hitler declared in February of last year to be non-existent.—"Daily Telegraph."

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THE LAST MOVES

The formalization of the axis' ties with Japan will, of course, strengthen its position in the next crisis by compelling Britain and France to divide their forces between Europe and the Pacific. As the Salzburg meeting was reportedly arranged by Count Ciano, who is an ardent friend of Japan. It is very probable that the two ministers discussed the matter of a military alliance with Nippon.

Political prognosticators set August 25 as the beginning of the crisis. The military moves which must precede it have already been made by Italy, Germany, Poland, Britain and France. The Salzburg conference—and with it the military conversations in Moscow—represent the last political moves in a game in which the future of Europe is at stake.—"China Press."

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NO GUARANTEE

There is no guarantee that the Japanese army will loyally abide by whatever settlement is reached by the Tokyo Government, and, if earlier suspicions as to the probabilities of success existed, as they undoubtedly did, the action of the Tientsin military representatives can merely serve to confirm them. What the military command in North China apparently fear is a breakdown of the negotiations in the presence of their representatives, and the withdrawal of

Maj.-General Muto is as much for the purpose of "saving face" in the event of such a development as it may be for the purpose of wrecking conversations in which up to the present they have not succeeded in obtaining their own way with the rapidity which they desired. They have found the British not somewhat difficult to crack, and are going to stand by, and watch a failure for which they will in any event be responsible. If there is a failure it will be entirely due to the attitude of the Japanese northern command.—"North China Daily News."

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FEAR OF ISOLATION

Foreign observers are unanimous that a feeling of insecurity and isolation is sweeping over Italy. The failure of the attempt to make Yugoslavia break her old alliances and the refusal of both Spain and Japan to co-ordinate their policy with that of the Axis are keenly realised by the rank and file of the Fascist Party.

It is generally reckoned that Grandi's return to Rome has unsuspected importance. An alliance between the ex-Ambassador and Balbo, directed against Ciano's pro-German policy is certain to obtain the support of the Fascist Grand Council and leave the Duce no alternative but to curb his son-in-law's freedom of action.—"Eleftheron," Athens.

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THAT GOVERNESS COMPLEX

German statesmen—indeed, the self-styled Leader himself—have repeatedly alleged that Britain and France wish to behave in Europe like governesses.

In a phrase that has been repeated with immense self-satisfaction by several of our ruling class, notwithstanding that it was not coined by an Englishman, we do not want domination; what we want is collaboration. But, naturally, it must be a collaboration in which we have things our own way.—"Truth."

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THE AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN

CERTAINLY NO UNDERSTATEMENT

"You are up against a country who will respect no word of honour and no treaty. As it is habitual with us to drink tea when thirsty, it is habitual with the German to break his word of honour when it suits his purpose."
—Lord Mancroft.

The League Assembly two years ago urged its members to "consider how far they can individually extend aid to China": self-interest as well as concern for international law has only reinforced that exhortation. There is, of course, a good deal to be said for effecting a day-to-day arrangement by which business could be carried on in the areas occupied by Japan.

Such an arrangement may well seem on the face of it impossible, and for that reason the agreement reached in Tokyo will be viewed with the gravest mistrust.—"New Statesman and Nation."

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A CLEAR COURSE

A vital change in the international outlook would be a proper occasion for recalling the Houses at once. But at the moment their most useful service to the national cause is to go upon their holidays as usual, thus proclaiming to the world that the British people believes that its house is in order, knows that a watch is being kept, and has confidence in the men appointed to act in its name with any vigour that events may require.—"The Times."

RIBBENTROP TO FLY TO MOSCOW

Non-Aggression Pact To Be Concluded Between Germany And Russia

THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN LATE LAST NIGHT (SAY REUTER AND TRANS-OCEAN MESSAGES FROM THE GERMAN CAPITAL RECEIVED IN HONG KONG THIS MORNING) THAT GERMANY AND SOVIET RUSSIA HAVE AGREED TO CONCLUDE A NON-AGGRESSION PACT. Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, is flying to Moscow to-morrow (Wednesday) to complete negotiations for the pact. Herr von Ribbentrop will be accompanied by the Under-Secretary of State, Dr. Gaus, head of the legal department of the German Foreign Office; and Legation Councillor, Herr Hewel, head of the German Foreign Minister's personal staff; Dr. Schmidt, head of the Foreign Office press department, and by Herr Schmidt and Herr Brueckmeyer, Foreign Office officials.

News of this latest development in the international situation (says Trans-Ocean) caused a strong impression in Berlin. German radio programmes were interrupted at 11.20 last night and the news broadcast by special bulletin.

This morning's Berlin newspapers publish the news with the greatest prominence but have not yet commented.

Nazi political circles recall the great attention with which the development of German-Soviet relations has been watched lately in Paris and London.

German quarters recall Hitler's statement that Germany would now allow history to repeat itself and would not inactively watch the attempts to build up a front against Germany.

POLISH REACTION

News of Herr von Ribbentrop's trip to Moscow has created a sensation in Warsaw, says a despatch from the Polish capital.

The Polish Government will meet early this morning to review the situation created by the non-aggression pact "completely changing the political situation in Europe."

The news came as such a complete surprise in Paris that there was some hesitation at first to believe it.

First comments were concerned with the effect the pact will have on the Anglo-Franco-Russian military talks.

French political circles declare that the contents of the pact must be revealed before comment can be made.

***It would be wise not to speculate too freely on the proposed Soviet-German non-aggression pact until it has been signed and the details of the agreement published. This applies in particular to the definition of "non-aggression," and it will be interesting, in view of the Soviet stand on this point in the Anglo-French talks, to see how Soviet Russia proposes to define the word vis a vis, say, a German coup in Danzig, followed by war with Poland. "Wait and See" is the wiser attitude to adopt for the time being.

CONFIRMATION

Moscow, To-day.

The official Russian Tass Agency confirms that Herr von Ribbentrop will arrive in a few days for negotiations for conclusion of a non-aggression pact.

Tass says that the exchange of views following conclusion of the trade and credit agreement established that both parties desire to "relieve the tension in their political relations, eliminate the war menace and conclude a non-aggression pact."—Reuter.

POPE'S APPEAL TO RESPONSIBILITY OF EUROPEAN LEADERS

Rome, To-day.

While there was a lull in diplomatic calls in Rome yesterday, great activity continued in the Foreign Office, but with no indication as to what is afoot.

It is believed that Signor Attolico, the Italian Ambassador to Berlin, saw Mussolini and Count Ciano on Sunday night and it is understood that Signor Attolico, while in Munich, saw Joachim von Ribbentrop, Reich Foreign Minister, but not Hitler.

The Vatican have denied rumours that a special Papal envoy has been sent to Warsaw and state that the Papal Nuncio in Warsaw is taking care of all Vatican diplomatic activity there.

In Vatican circles, it is stated that the Pope does not wish to suggest any concrete solution to the crisis, as he intends to remain aside from arguments which do not enter into the competence of his mission.

DISASTER OF WAR

The Pope, however, desires to recall all men to their duty in saving humanity from the incalculable disaster of war.

He appeals to the sense of responsibility of all who can influence the course of events.

All the sympathy and good wishes of the Vatican, it is stated, lie with a solution obtained at one or more peaceful meetings in which all the interests, rights and aspirations in question, including, of course, the general interests of humanity, are taken into account.—Reuter.

BRITONS ADVISED TO LEAVE POLAND

Significant development in the international situation occurred in Warsaw last night, when advice similar to that given to Britons in Czecho-Slovakia in September last year, was given to British nationals resident in Poland.

An announcement by the British Consul-General (says Reuter) advised all Britons in the country that if they had no special reason for remaining in Poland, "it was desirable that they should leave."

Meanwhile, Count Lipski, Polish Ambassador in Berlin, flew back to Warsaw yesterday to consult his Government.

SWATOW PUPPET COMMITTEE

Canton, To-day.

The Peace Maintenance Committee in Swatow was to have been inaugurated on August 18th, according to the Information Bureau of the South China Expeditionary Forces.

The Committee comprises, it is stated, Messrs. Chow Ching-chi (Chairman), Chang Wai-chin, Chung Wing-kong and Oy Tsi-nan. Mr. Chow Ching-chi is a graduate of the Fukien University.—Reuter.

SHOCKING STORM TRAGEDY

London, To-day.

London and the suburbs were visited by a thunderstorm of exceptional severity yesterday afternoon in the course of which one of the worst lightning fatalities for many years occurred.

A shed in the park at Ilford in which a score or more—mostly women and children—were sheltering, was struck and six persons were killed and twelve injured.

The storm followed a temperature record for the year in London of 81 degrees Fahrenheit.—British Wireless.

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PREMIER'S "IMPORTANT BUSINESS" IN LONDON

FULL CABINET MEETING BEING HELD TO-DAY

London, To-day.

THE POSITION REMAINS one of increased tension internationally but of complete calm and unabated firmness in London, states Reuter's lobby correspondent. There have been no indications of any exceptional developments yesterday.

Among many matters to be considered by the meeting of Ministers (which has now been converted into a full Cabinet council) to-day (Tuesday) the suggestion that the British Government should issue a reiteration of its attitude towards any act of aggression is expected to be included.

Opinion now appears to be that the Government's recent declaration on the subject was so clear as to require no fresh emphasis beyond what may be assumed to have been given diplomatically in the appropriate quarters.

There remains every desire not to exacerbate feeling by an unnecessary statement.

WILL TAKE STEPS

On the other hand, Ministers will review the situation fully as they find it to-day, and will take such steps as seem to be required.

Fixing of the Cabinet meeting in the afternoon will give the Prime Minister an opportunity to see some of the Ministers individually during the morning should the need arise.—Reuter.

"IMPORTANT BUSINESS"

London, To-day.

To-day's Cabinet is given the greatest attention in the London press.

The opinion expressed in most papers that the conference is likely to be of the greatest importance is born out by the fact that Mr. Chamberlain left Scotland for London by Sunday's night train, instead of staying in Scotland until Monday, as originally arranged.

The Prime Minister is said to have changed his plans because he needed the whole day for "important business on Tuesday."

The "Daily Mail" is of the opinion that the British Government will make a statement in the course of the next few days to make absolutely clear the attitude of the British Government.

NO THREATS

The paper suggests that this statement will be in terms which will not admit of any doubt that Britain will come to the assistance of Poland if Poland appealed to her.

Such assistance would not be delayed by Parliamentary procedure or Cabinet conferences but would become effective immediately.

The "Daily Express" endorses the opinion of the "Daily Mail," but declares that the statement which the Government is about to issue will also give expression to the willingness of the Western Powers and their friends to do everything possible for a peaceful solution of the Danzig problem, providing it can be done in an atmosphere free from any threats of violence.—Trans-Ocean.

WHOLE WORLD KNOWS

London, To-day.

In London, principal interest is now fixed upon to-day's Cabinet, at which Lord Halifax will report upon the international situation.

The meeting was arranged before Ministers dispersed on holiday but, in view of the deterioration of the European situation in the last few days, there is satisfaction that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues will have an opportunity at this stage of reviewing together the more critical position which has

followed from the reappearance in Central Europe of the tactics by which the crisis of last September was inaugurated and from the clamant reiteration in the German press of the impossibility of compromise upon demands which the whole world knows mean war if they are persisted in.

This growing tension is bound to engage the Ministers' most serious attention, though it is generally recognised here that the British Government has done almost all that lies in its power to ensure peace by defining with precision and clarity its attitude and its obligations.

On June 29, Lord Halifax declared: "In the event of further aggression we are resolved to use at once the whole of our strength in fulfilment of our pledges to resist it."

The Prime Minister subsequently emphasised that these words represented the considered policy of His Majesty's Government.

NO DOUBTS

Ministers will no doubt be concerned to see if there remain any means over and above all that has already been done to that end to ensure that no slightest doubt survives in any quarter of the significance of that pledge.

One matter which it may be assumed will not be excluded from their consideration is the summoning of Parliament.

Before the adjournment, the Prime Minister assured the Commons that the Government would not hesitate—if they thought developments made it desirable—to call Parliament together before the date fixed for its re-assembly on October 3.

At the same time he resisted an Amendment to the adjournment motion which sought to fix a special session for to-day's date, and it may still be his and his colleagues view that a meeting of Parliament is not at present necessary or opportune.—British Wireless.

VERBOTEN

Berlin, To-day.

The sale in France of the "Franco-German Monthly Review," published in Karlsruhe, is reported by the semi-official German news agency to have been forbidden by the French Ministry of Interior, because the last numbers of the periodical allegedly contained several tendentious articles.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. I. Rudloff, residing at Courtlands, Kennedy Road, was fined \$2 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for parking overtime in Chater Road on August 9.

Mr. Riddell, residing at No. 269F Prince Edward Road, has reported that between Friday and Saturday last, car tools to the value of \$82.60 were stolen from his car in his garage.

RECALL OF PARLIAMENT DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

The question of recalling Parliament was not raised by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, in his talk with the Prime Minister yesterday, in view of the fact that the matter will be discussed fully by the Cabinet to-day in the light of the situation they will have to envisage.

Throughout their resistance to automatic recall of Parliament, as demanded by the Liberals, the Government promised that should the situation deteriorate substantially, they would recall Parliament without delay.

Should the Cabinet decide to-day that recall is necessary in order to honour their pledge it would probably be found that there will be a meeting before the end of the week, or at least early next week.—Reuter.

TYPHOONS IN PACIFIC

A ridge of high pressure extends from Central China to the Pacific south-eastward of Japan, according to the Royal Observatory report this morning.

A shallow depression remains over Tongking.

A depression is forming in the western part of the Balintang Channel, and will probably move westward.

Another depression is situated to the west of Guam, moving west-north-west.

OSLO POWERS NOT MEDIATING

Oslo, To-day.

Rumours to the effect that the forthcoming conference in Brussels of countries belonging to the so-called "Oslo bloc" had been called by the Belgian Government primarily for the purpose of offering the services of the Oslo countries as mediator in the present international situation has called for the a denial from Foreign Minister Koht.

In a statement issued in Oslo yesterday he said that all such rumours were without foundation.—Trans-Ocean.

CSAKY RETURNS

Budapest, To-day.

Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, returned here yesterday from his "holiday abroad," part of which he spent as a guest of Dr. Frick, Reich Minister of Interior, at Tegernsee and Salzburg, before travelling to Rome where he saw Mussolini and Count Ciano. Count Csaky has "resumed" his official duties.—Trans-Ocean.

F. O. APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.

The Secretary for Foreign Affairs has appointed Sir Orme Sargent, an Assistant Under-Secretary in the Foreign Office, to be a Deputy Under-Secretary, succeeding Sir Lancelot Oliphant.—British Wireless.

A police report states that an unknown European obtained a cine camera valued at \$90 from the D'Asis Studio, Gloucester Building, on Saturday, and has failed to return since.

PRIME MINISTER'S CALLERS

London, To-day.

Lord Halifax lunched with the Prime Minister, with whom he was in consultation at 10 Downing Street yesterday morning, and afterwards returned to the Foreign Office.

The Premier's callers in the afternoon included Sir Samuel Hoare (Home Secretary), Mr. Leslie Burgin (Minister of Supply) and Lord Chatfield (Minister for Co-ordination of Defence).

Mr. Horse-Belisha, the War Secretary, who passed through Paris on his way back from Cannes to attend to-day's Cabinet meeting, had a conversation of an hour's duration with M. Daladier, the French Premier.—British Wireless.

SALVATION ARMY RESOLUTION

London, To-day.

The high council of the Salvation Army has passed a resolution "expressing the desire that no changes in the legal constitution of the Salvation Army should be promoted by the General, without the fullest possible consideration of, and consultation with, the Commissioners."

The resolution is interpreted as a formal expression of the strong growing feeling among the leaders that they should have a greater voice in the control and destiny of the movement.

The resolution possibly indicates that the views of Commissioner Lamb and his supporters, who favour a system of government by "cabinet," presided over by a supreme head, are vailing with colleagues.—Reuter.

MILITARY TALKS

London, To-day.

The military staff talks in Moscow between the British and French missions and the Soviet delegation headed by Marshal Voroshilov were resumed yesterday.—British Wireless.

GUERRILLAS

Shanghai, To-day.

Traffic between Shanghai and Nanking was disrupted yesterday when the line was wrecked by Chinese guerillas. Passengers for Nanking were brought back to Shanghai. — Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH MANOEUVRES

London, To-day.

It is learned that the French Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, has accepted the invitation of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, to attend the peak period of the British army manoeuvres from Sept. 17 to Sept. 21.—Reuter.

TUNG EXPORTS

Shanghai, To-day.

According to statistics published by the United States authorities, China exported during the first six months this year 40,000,000 pounds of tung oil which is a decrease of 10,000,000 pounds compared with the same period of the previous year.—Trans-Ocean.

Sentence of six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane was passed on Ho Yau, unemployed, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when found guilty of snatching a gold earring from a Chinese woman.

News Snack Bar

DEBT FOR RENT COMES BEFORE RATES

FOR THE FIRST TIME since a Statute was passed 230 years ago it was ruled recently that when a tenant owes both rent and rates the landlord has the right to rent before distraint for rates.

It was stated in the Court of Appeal that the point had never been raised before, though it depended on a statute passed in the reign of Queen Anne which provides that no "execution" of any kind shall be permitted unless rent in arrear to the landlord for one year is first paid.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts:—
Woman at Marylebone: He refused to see Sense. In fact he just looked straight past me.
Witness at Tottenham: If I cannot find work my wife will find it for me. She's that type of woman.
Man at Tottenham: I sell a useless article which nobody wants, so I don't make much money.

She Wrote "The Curfew"

Author of "The Curfew Shall Not Ring To-night," Rose Hartwick Thorpe, the noted American poet, died yesterday at San Diego (California) aged eighty-nine. She wrote it during her school holidays.

Premier In The Barber's Chair

It is not often, says a proverb, that a man is a hero to his valet; but South Africa's Premier, General Hertzog, is a hero to five barbers in Cape-town. He has been their customer for thirteen years. He is a good customer. He never stops short at a haircut, but goes on to a singe, an oil massage, and a shampoo. Finally, he has his moustache trimmed.

Best of all, General Hertzog never discourages his barber from talking, especially about the Government. He visits the saloon about once in three weeks, and never allows differential treatment, but waits his turn.

Since the Union of South Africa was founded in 1910, it has had only three Premiers, all Generals who (as Dutch) fought against the British: Botha, Smuts and James Barrie Hertzog, who is partly of Scottish descent.

Signor Mussolini, piloting his own plane, paid a surprise visit to Fiume, which he had not visited since 1925 on the occasion of its cession to Italy.

One soldier was killed and six injured when an air liner crashed on to a military hangar at Amsterdam Aerodrome.

A new landing-ground for seaplanes of international lines on the East-West route was inaugurated at Beirut, Syria.

Capt. George Winnall Blake, a Londoner, fell from the balcony of his hotel in Rouen and was fatally injured.

John Barrymore, the film star, who suffered a slight heart attack a week ago, has sufficiently recovered to resume stage appearances in Chicago.

Mr. Claude Gernade Bowers, former United States Ambassador to Spain, has been nominated by President Roosevelt for the post of Ambassador to Chile.

The question for the Court was the meaning of the word "execution," and arose on an appeal from a judgment of the Wolverhampton County Court Judge that a distress warrant for rates, which was executed on the goods of a Wolverhampton woman, was a "distress" and not an "execution."

The landlord of the premises sued the Corporation bailiff who had seized and sold goods, and claimed that, after deducting expenses, the balance must be applied for rent.

The County Court Judge rejected this contention.

The appeal was allowed with costs, and judgment entered for the landlord.

2,000,000 Private Cars Now

The total number of private cars in the United Kingdom on May 31 exceeded 2,000,000. The total number of mechanically propelled vehicles in all classes exceeded 3,100,000.

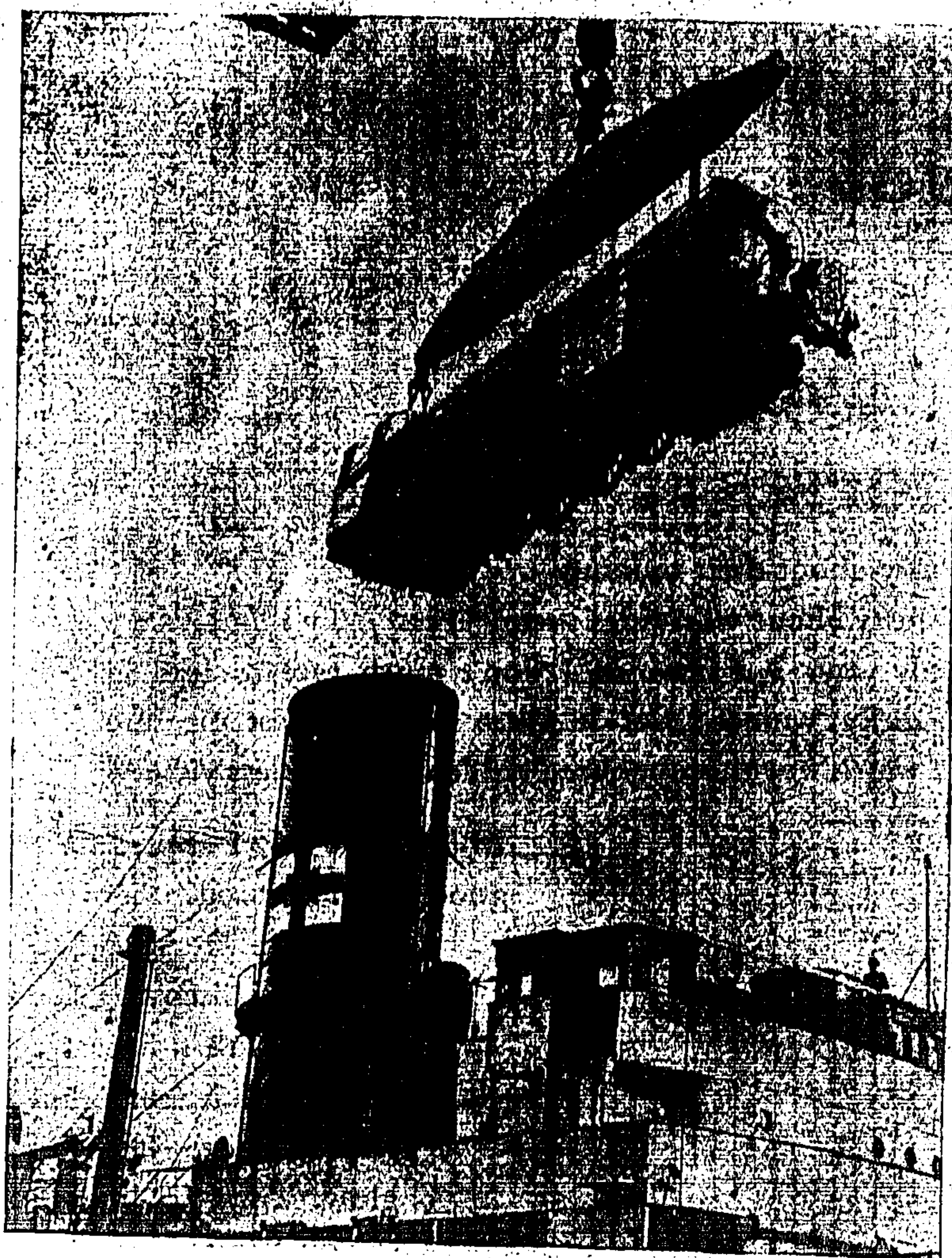
Drug Ban Denial

Suggestion by Dr. Edith Summer-skill (Soc., Fulham) that the Minister of Health had refused to allow the new wonder-drug, M. and B. 693, to be generally used for patients treated under the National Health Insurance Acts, drew a sharp denial from the Minister.

Mr. Elliot said insured persons were entitled to the drug—now playing a vital part in treating pneumonia—whenever their doctor considered it necessary.

91 Marries 74

The Recorder of Bridgewater, Mr. F. A. Wilshire, played "Love's Old Sweet Song" as an organ solo at the wedding of Mr. William Sheppard, 91, and Mrs. Alice Brown, 74, residents of the Kingswood district of Bristol. Mr. Sheppard's wife died in 1937, and he proposed to Mrs. Brown, whom he had known for 60 years, when he heard that her cottage had been condemned and that she would be homeless.



SWINGING HIGH. At first glance it appears as if an attempt is being made to put the huge locomotive down the funnel. The picture was taken at Glasgow when two 63 ton engines and tenders were shipped aboard the s.s. "Northumberland" for the New Zealand Railways. Photo shows:—One of the huge locomotives being shipped aboard by the Finnieston Crane, Glasgow.

Blazing Yacht In Thames

Five young men in the motor yacht Leonie dived overboard when the yacht caught fire in the Thames near Putney, and another was saved before the yacht drifted down to Wandsworth Park and was taken in hand by a fire float.

Three Rescued From Cliff

Two women, Miss Higgins and Miss Oakley, of Tottenham, and Mr. Paynter, of Newquay, cut off by the tide on the face of a 200ft cliff near Newquay, were rescued after their companion, Mr. James Brenton, had swum for assistance.

Sentences of imprisonment were passed on 39 Hungarian Nazis.

King's Cup For Sport

The 40th Bn. (King's) Royal Tank Regt. formerly the 7th Bn. the King's Regt., has won the cup for sport in the Territorial Army presented by the King.

50 Years In Colonel's Service

Mr. George Bridge, who has been 50 years with Lt.-Col. G. J. Fitzgerald, of Ridge House, Hindhead, Surrey, as groom and gardener, is to be presented with a silver inkstand in recognition of his long and loyal service.

Hungarian football referees must prove their "Aryan" descent and "national integrity."

Made frenzied by swarms of gad-flies, 500 horses on the Pusztá Bugac stud farm, in Hungary, rushed off in a mad 20-mile gallop spreading terror through outlying villages.

Miss Pamela Stirling, a 17-year-old English actress, has gained an honourable mention at the annual examination in comedy at the French Conservatoire of Music and Dramatic Art.

Two instructors at the Danish Air Force School, Lt. Harboe and Lt. Hansen, both 28, were killed in a crash at Copenhagen airport.

Members of the Prague Football Club, Slavia, were greeted with an ovation at Belgrade when they played a match against the Belgrade Sport Club.

Residents at Le Touquet, including many British, were cut off from telephonic communication with parts of France by a storm which broke wires, uprooted poles and devastated large tracts of land between Montreuil-sur-Mer and Le Touquet.



THEIR MAJESTIES VISIT THEIR GUEST CAMP. Their Majesties the King and Queen, accompanied by the Princesses, paid a visit to the two hundred public schoolboys and industrial lads who are camping together at the King's Camp on Abergeldie estate near Balmoral Castle. Photo shows: The King & Queen accompanied by the two Princesses singing the chestnut tree.

FRENCH DEMOCRA

**"You've
got to
be fussy
over
horses..**



Fussy about their training

—fussy about who rides them. Personally I find it's the only way. For instance, I don't much care to lead in a lucky winner; but it gives me the rarest pleasure to watch *any* thoroughbred ridden to a faultless victory.



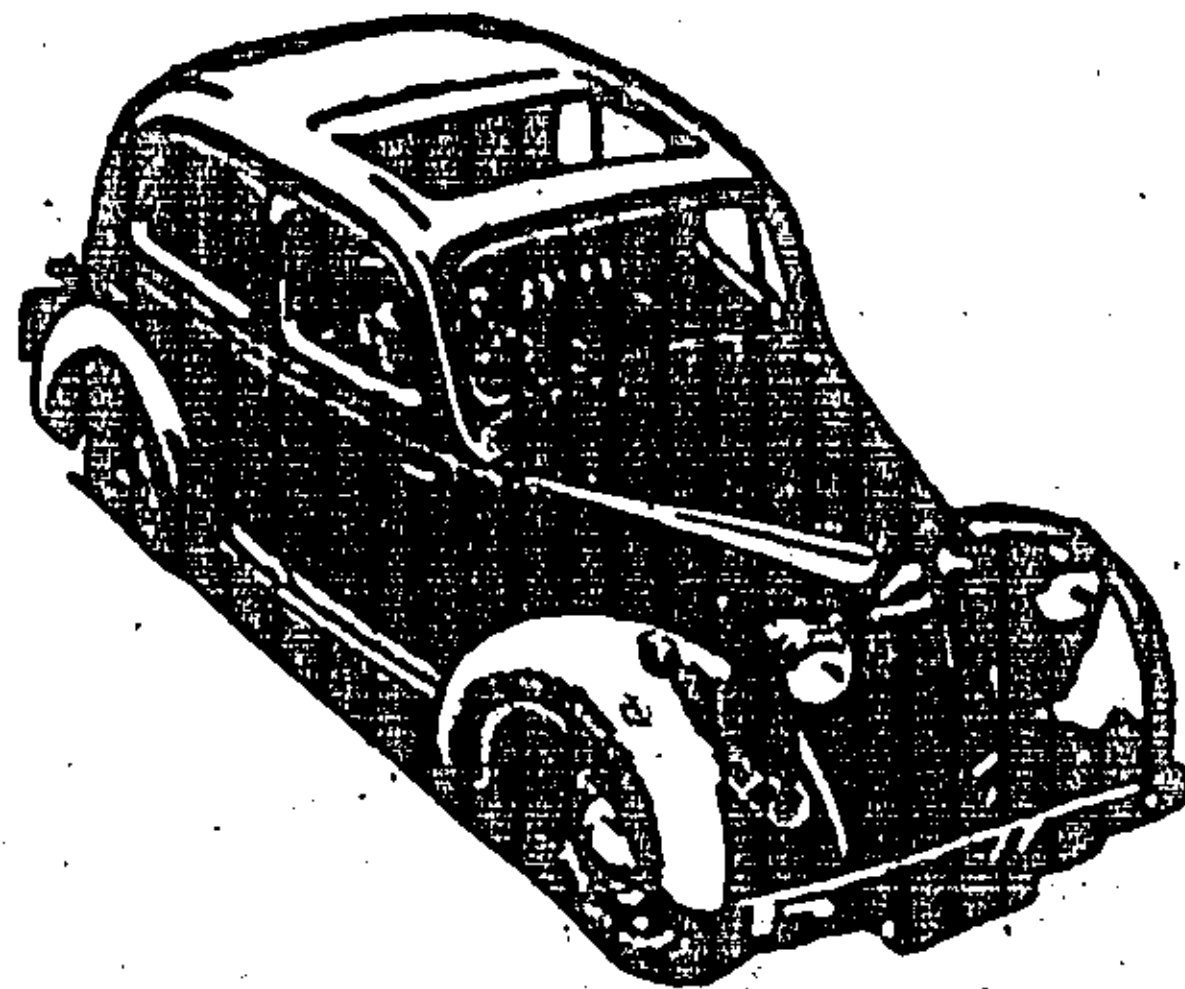
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It is easy to understand why the Government? One cannot, of course, be sure of anything. granting of "full powers" to the Government headed by M. Edouard Daladier should have aroused—in Paris and elsewhere—certain apprehensions concerning the future of the Parliamentary regime in France. Never before has a Premier obtained such wide powers for so long a period of time.

After its experiments with despotism and with absolute power, first under the Monarchy and then under the reigns of the two Napoleons, the French nation has sought a guarantee against the return of autarchy in the strict and permanent control exercised by Parliament over the Government. Since 1871, the rule has constantly been that there can be no law, no budget, unless it is first voted by the two Houses. And now a Government, already in possession of very wide powers since October, 1938, finds itself invested until Nov. 30—practically the end of the year—with sovereign powers which enable it not only to promulgate the budget for next year, but also to postpone the 1940 elections, to change the electoral regime, or even, if it so pleases, to abolish public meetings and the freedom of the press.

Never since the time of Napoleon III have such extreme powers been granted to any sovereign. Never, even during the World War, has Parliamentary control ceased to function as completely as it has to-day. It is therefore not difficult to understand the apprehension that has manifested itself that Parliamentary institutions are on the decline in France, and that the unprecedented powers granted to M. Daladier are really the first step toward an authoritarian regime, or to employ the accepted phrase, toward a species of totalitarianism.

Naturally, the Government denies any wish to introduce into France the slightest form of a totalitarian regime and regards all suppositions of this kind as prejudicial. Its thesis is that the country is actually faced with international difficulties such as it has never before known, that it is threatened by countries which derive considerable superiority in the realms of action and propaganda through their dictatorial regimes, and that if France wishes to surmount this grave obstacle it must meet exceptional circumstances by requiring a no less exceptional accommodation of its traditions of liberty. Once this is done, we are assured, once the danger is over, the Parliamentary regime will once more function normally.

Are these assurances absolutely sincere? Are not a certain number of people in the entourage of the head of the French Government saying that after all, even if the international sky should clear, it would be very pleasant to remain in power by means of a prolongation of the present exceptional state of affairs? And has not M. Daladier himself sometimes been moved by his extremely personal temperament to think that the salvation of France is synonymous with his own presence at the head of

the needs of national on the other hand, that the Government outbreak of hostilities national union which power, either by an

But that is not the real problem. In order to substitute an authoritarian regime for a Parliamentary one, the wish to do so is not sufficient. One must have the ability to accomplish it. Let us suppose that the present Government, or certain of its supporters, entertain such plans, the question arises as to whether they could obtain the prolongation of their present powers, and whether they could make use of these powers to cause the disappearance of the liberties which still flourish throughout the country.

Naturally, the answer to this question varies according to the angle from which the evolution of the international situation is envisaged. There are three possibilities: that war is imminent; or, on the contrary, that a lasting "detente" is to be hoped for; or, lastly, the present tension is likely to be indefinitely prolonged.

In the case of war, the powers enjoyed by the Government would differ extensively from those granted to M. Daladier. In one sense they would be wider, since they would include censorship of press and radio and general requisition rights to supply either grave losses, or

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AW-NOW LOOK- JUST TO SHOW YOU HOW EASY IT IS- GRAND-DADDY WILL TAKE SOME FIRST-

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defence. But, the exceptional talents of a general, would not give the military element the temptation of assuming the essentials of power; similarly, following a prolonged and impoverishing conflict, the eventuality of social movements—through which democratic institutions might suffer profound changes—cannot be excluded. But these are only extreme possibilities, and rather theoretical ones even then, and they are only mentioned in order to make our examination scrupulously complete.

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Let us suppose that, instead of culminating in war, the present situation should become markedly and permanently easier. In such a case it may be held as certain that the chances of success of totalitarian ideologies in France would become once more almost non-existent. For it cannot be ignored that if M. Daladier has obtained exceptional powers, he did so by exploiting the gravity of the international situation. It furnished him with an extremely convenient argument for asking that the work of the Government might be neither hindered nor retarded by Parliamentary discussions. And if the opposition, to counter these practices, has abstained from having recourse to the means which it would have employed normally—campaigns of public meetings and social and political agitation—it is because it did not wish to give the impression abroad that the country was divided and thus increase the temptation that the adversaries of France might have to range themselves either against France or against its allies.

But it is self-evident that were the international tension eased, the opposition could make immediate use of all the means at its disposal, and if the necessity of financial national defence at all costs ceased to determine the working classes to bear without protest the crushing burden of taxation, France would see again, as it always has seen since 1871, the victory of the democratic forces, which, by elections and street manifestations, have always succeeded in breaking the retrograde action of a conservative press and of vested financial interests.

This does not mean that French democracy would not be faced by serious problems. The methods of Parliamentary discussion in France, which have existed for so long, are certainly an anachronism to-day. They need revising. The question would also be raised as to whether purely political assemblies are capable of intervening usefully and wisely in the social and economic realms which are so important to-day. But it is difficult to see why these problems should not be solved by the ordinary democratic methods, just as the religious, scholastic, and financial problems of the last century—which seemed, when they arose, just as hard to answer as the present social and economic difficulties—were solved. Recourse to authoritarian measures would not therefore appear inevitable; France is a country with a strong political edu-

cation, and can in no way be compared in this respect with Germany or Italy in the days immediately preceding the establishment of Fascism in those countries.

There remains therefore only the most obscure eventuality, the prolongation for an indefinite period of the present international tension. In such a case, it is certain that it would be extremely easy for the present Government to remain indefinitely in power and to maintain democratic rules and habits in ever-deepening abeyance. If the international situation has not cleared up by Nov. 30 it is difficult to see what would prevent M. Daladier at that time from asking for and obtaining the renewal of his "special powers."

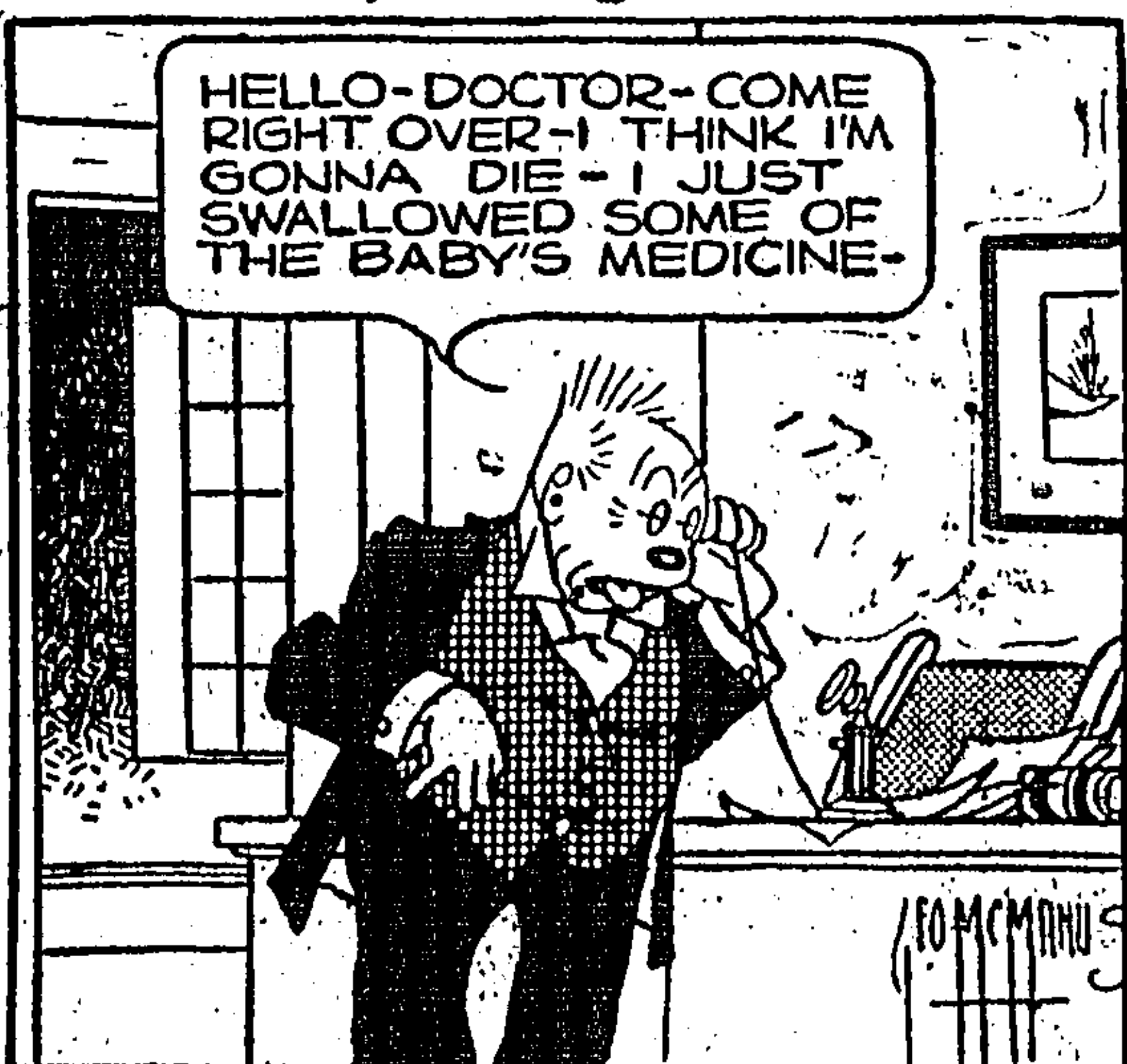
There is also nothing to stop him then from avoiding popular control as he has already avoided Parliamentary control. It is difficult to see, too, what could stop M. Paul Reynaud, the Finance Minister, from continuing to impose an anti-democratic fiscal policy by decree laws. The patriotic motives which now paralyze the opposition would continue to paralyze it if threats from abroad remained as serious. The despotism which characterizes the actions of the present Government could therefore continue, be accepted and become the rule, and it is possible that public opinion, gradually becoming accustomed to an exceptional regime corresponding to quite extraordinary circumstances, would end up by letting itself go insensibly, to indifference and passive acceptance.

In the economic realm the risk is all the more appreciable in that the latest financial decree laws of M. Paul Reynaud are obviously the answer to preoccupations other than those of last November. Through those the Government was trying above all to restore "confidence" among the middle classes by a return to the more classical theses of liberalism; more liberty was granted to enterprises by revising the limitations imposed upon them by the social legislation of 1936. In appearance at least, therefore, the constraint could pass as destined to re-establish what the economist terms a liberal regime.

But, obviously, the April decrees no longer have exclusively this aim. The systematic taxation of consumption gives the impression that the Government has secretly tried to prejudice industries producing articles for consumption in order to carry over the productive effort to factories useful to national defence. On the other hand, if the restrictions imposed by the 1936 laws on the liberty of employers when engaging labour have been gradually abolished by the Daladier Government, the April decrees have established new one, particularly with regard to industries engaged in national defence. Thus the new decrees increase the authority of the Executive in the social and economic as well as in the political realms and tend to institute a beginning of "war economy," as such a state is described in totalitarian countries.

These remarks enable us to answer with a fair degree of accuracy the question of whether the granting of full powers to the Daladier Government is a stage on the way to the establishment of an authoritarian regime in France. It can be said of the French people that, deeply individualistic and "frondeurs," they will only tolerate a "strong" Government in the measure of a proportionate danger from the exterior. M. Daladier owes the extraordinary position which he has created for himself to Herr Adolf Hitler and Signor Benito Mussolini. When the danger which these two dictators represent disappears, France will return to its democratic practices. But it would be well that this day be not too long delayed. For nothing is as demoralizing for countries strongly attached to liberty as to remain in tutelage for a long period.

By George McManus



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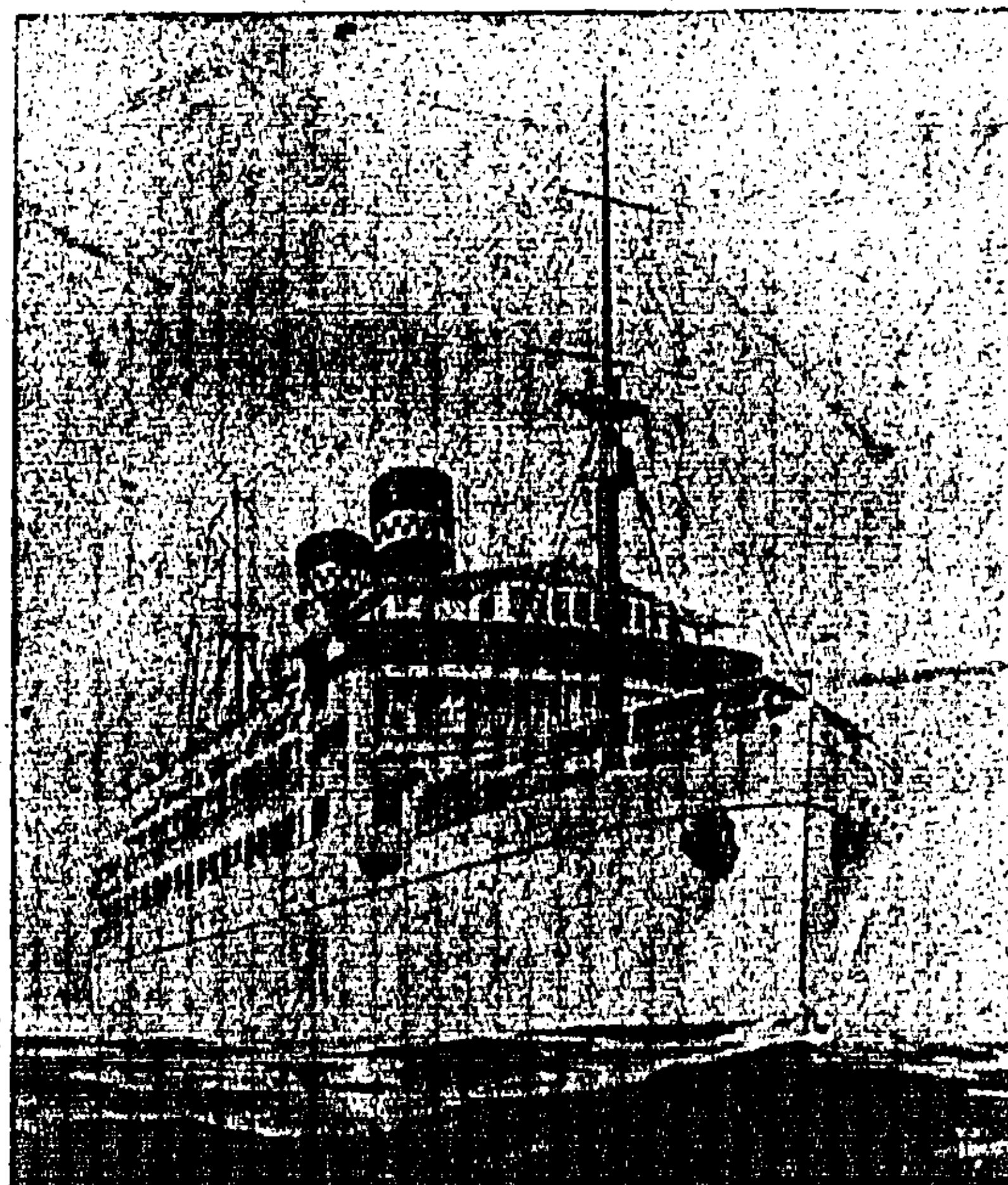
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STREAMLINED FIGURES

Ankles And Calves

By DONALD LOOMS

Jean Chatburn has her hands on my shoulders for this exercise, but she could do it by placing them against a wall. She stands as far as she can from me (or the wall), and slants forward; then she comes up on her toes and then lowers her heels to the floor. As she lowers her heels there is a definite pull on the Achilles tendon, and the exercise tends to strengthen the ankles, develop the calves and give a girl that streamlined leg so much admired.

Women need this exercise more than men do, because women wear high heels and the unnatural position of their feet weakens the shin-bone muscles.

If you really want streamlined legs you must work to get them. The biggest who are sent to me to be put in condition for a screen test is that they are apt to be overenthusiastic at the beginning, especially if they are not used to exercise. They overdo them the first day of so, and try to accomplish in one night or so what will take at least six weeks. Then they are sore and stiff and discouraged.

"Oh, what's the use" they say. "I did the exercise and I feel a million years old!"

If they would do them correctly, following instructions, they would get better results.

Dancing is an excellent exercise for the legs, if it's the right kind of dancing. Eleanor Powell's tap dancing and specialty dances develop beautiful, slender and shapely legs, but toe

dancing is apt to develop ugly muscles.

Eleanor comes to me, however, for work for the rest of her body, for she feels that dancing alone will not be sufficient.

If you have already developed huge muscles from too much toe dancing, the thing to do is to stop dancing, let



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the muscles get soft and flabby and turn to fat, and then work to reduce this excess tissue.

Swimming, of course, is good for you, if you do not go in for it too strenuously. It teaches you to breathe correctly. In the water, you should breathe through the mouth and exhale through both mouth and nose. You should swim completely relaxed. Don't make a struggle of it, but feel as if you were a fish, who makes no effort. If this is done correctly, you will develop long, graceful, relaxed muscles from your swimming instead of knotty bulges.

Here's an exercise that will do excellent things for your legs:

Sit on a table. Extend your legs straight out in front of you; holding them stiff, swing them up and down. Now, both legs out straight as before, hold right leg stiff, cross the left one over it, then swing them in that position. Alternate legs and repeat. While you are doing this, remember to hold yourself in correct up-right posture.

Next—Legs

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This dress is designed with two sleeve styles, so that you can repeat it in fall fabrics, with the long, slim, wide-shouldered sleeves. But right now you'll revel in the coolness and charm of the cape-like short sleeves, cut in one with the shoulder pieces. Beneath smooth shoulders, the bodice is gathered to give soft fullness and not too much, either—over the bust. The skirt is cut to a high, slim waistline, and flared gently at the foot. The v-neckline is plain, cool and becoming. Make this of georgette, chiffon, linen or voile.

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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Control your tongue this day for it can involve you in a lot of trouble. Your personal attitude towards people you meet socially or in business ought to be beyond reproach, if you wish to avoid the possibility of engaging in a disagreeable argument. Unfortunately a strong inclination to be dictatorial may prevail. This tendency should be repressed. Accentuated personal peculiarities will be responsible for much irritation. This is a good day to remember that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," so do not neglect your physical well-being. Married and engaged couples, and those who have national prospects foremost in their minds, will be wise to avoid controversial subjects.

If a woman and August 22 is your birthday, your executive ability displayed in home or office, is apt to win you a fine reputation. A strong per-

sonality assures your being universally respected. Overcome any tendency you might have to be easily worked up over trifles. You may do an unnecessary amount of worrying over anticipated complications, which seldom materialize. Being impulsive, you should not make any promise until you have considered all its obligations. You are perhaps exceptionally well-qualified to be a musician, artist, shop or tea room manager, writer, teacher, professional entertainer or saleslady. You should be capable of making a success of your married life.

The child born on August 22 has generally a strong will. This youngster probably will be a leader in school and social activities, not only during its school career, but later on when it becomes an active member of society.

BY PATRICIA
LINDSAY

HAIR HINTS FOR BLONDES

After years of experience in keeping her blonde hair beautiful day in and day out, Miss Gladys George of stage and screen feels she should pass on hints for hair care!

"Blondes usually make the mistake of shampooing too frequently and that is partly the reason for so many dry blonde heads which have no sheen whatever I've known blondes to shampoo their hair every single day, and others at least three times a week. No blonde (especially if she uses a bleach on her hair) should shampoo more often than once a week, or once every ten days. She should, however, give her hair special care between washings. Here are a few suggestions:

Sleep with a net hood on the head each night with your hair combed into place.

Put wave clips on ridges, and curlers on ends of hair before taking a shower, or tub or bath.

Steam head while clips and curlers are on, but do not comb or brush it out until the hair has thoroughly dried.

Use a fine-toothed baby comb frequently during the day to catch lint and dust and to train wave in place.

Always wear some sort of hair covering out of doors unless you desire to bleach your hair to a very light shade and rob it of its lustre.

All blondes should use a scalp tonic, massaged well into the roots of

the hair at least twice a week. Natural blondes with a natural curl should brush the tonic the length of the hair. Bleached blondes should use just the finger massage."

OTHER HAIR HINTS

If you do bleach your hair, try to remain loyal to one bleach. Changing bleaching brands and formulas is ruinous to hair beauty. Continued bleaching will ruin the good looks of any head after a few years, so that if you are absolutely determined to bleach (which I do not approve of!) you must be careful to bleach the whole length of the hair at once and then after weeks, simply touch up the darkened part. If the bleach is reapplied to hair that has already been bleached, the drying effect will produce artificial-looking, dull, straw-coloured hair.

Every bleached head should be brushed diligently and if you do not use a scalp tonic, you should massage the scalp every day with your finger tips. Thus you will distribute the natural scalp oils the length of the hair and preserve a natural sheen. There are of course various solid brilliantines which, if applied to the bristles of the brush, will give dry hair an artificial gloss which is very effective.

If you are a natural blonde, but not as light as you desire to be, do not resort to artificial bleaches. Use harmless lemon rinses, weak henna formulas, and such, to keep the glints in your hair. Many a woman has wept after her hair has been artificially dyed or bleached and it takes months for new hair to grow out!



Brief curls combed high, such as ANNABELLA of the screen wears, is an attractive summer coiffure for blondes. It also minimises hair care.

How's Your Hair?

Consider Your Nose

By HELEN HUNT



The style of hair dress here shown gives a halo for the face.

Part the hair close to the centre, put in two short waves and back them up with pin curls. Then make a short wave upward at the sides with two rolls of pin curls in back of them. Make three rolls at the back of the

This is another of a series of articles on hair styles, a most important subject to all women. The series is written by Helen Hunt, famous Hollywood hair stylist and head of the hair-dressing department of Columbia Studios.

TO-DAY'S COMMANDMENT

When preparing to dress your hair, notice your hairline carefully. If you find new short hairs that are stubborn, cover them with waving solution and brush them into place. Do this as often as you have time during the day and they will eventually come into control.

neck and no wave at all in the back of the head.

When you are considering how to adopt one of the new hair styles, it is well to make up your mind about your nose.

A girl with a long nose must not part her hair in the centre. The same is true if she has a crooked nose. The eye tends to follow the straight line of the parting downward, so that a long nose looks longer and a crooked nose is more prominent. Keep the parting at the side or wear the hair in bangs or curls.

If your nose turns up, you will find it easier to arrange your hair. Irene Dunne's nose turns up and she looks well in almost any style of coiffure.

If you have a wide nose, never, never pull your hair away from the sides or back of the ears. Your nose will seem to spread over your face. Try instead to wear hair dressed close. This tip also goes for the too plump-

Witty Kitty



The boy friend says as far as he's concerned summer dancing is a wilting proposition.

cheeked girl.

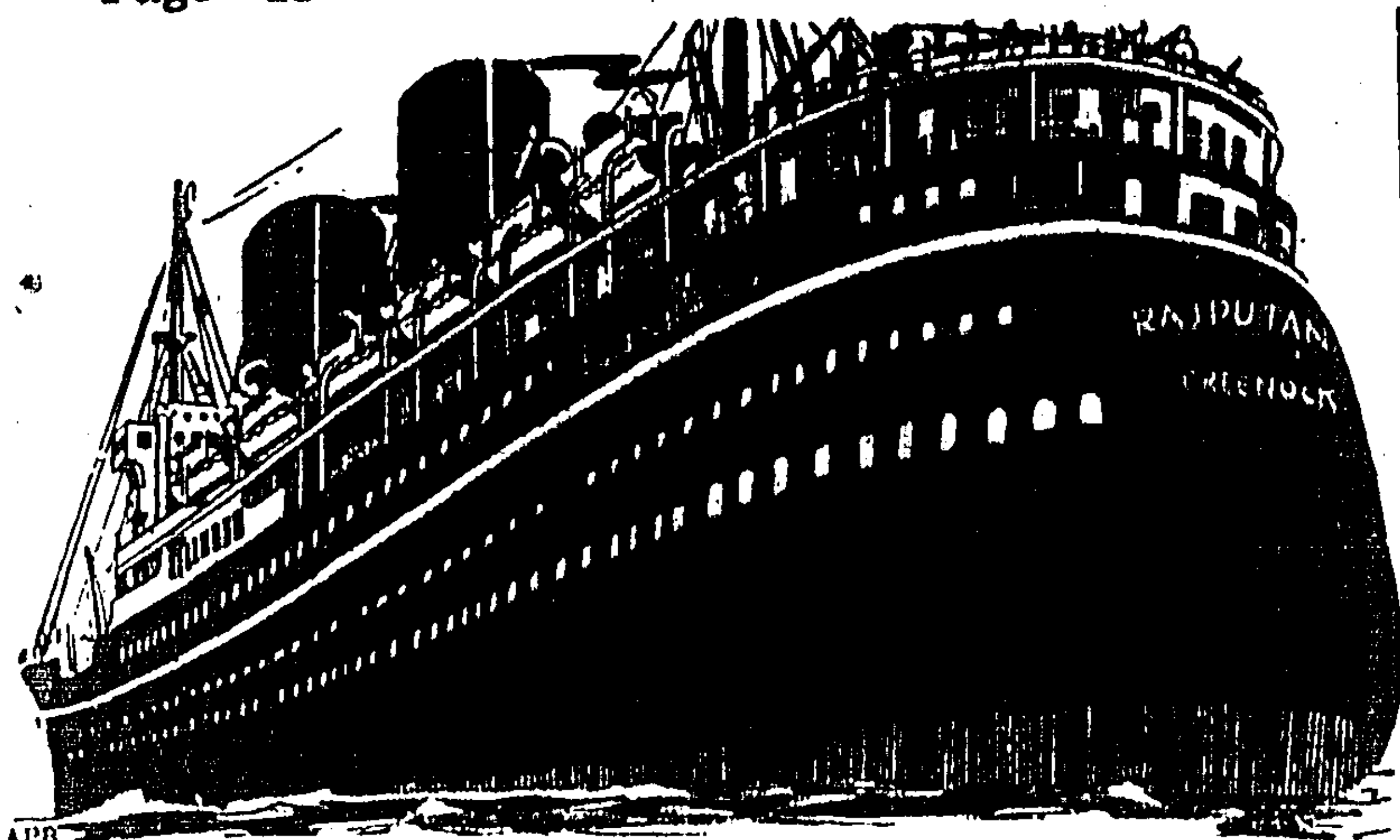
Again, if you have a long nose don't attempt the high-hair dress. Flatten the hair out on top.

Now consider your eyebrows. Remember never to let your bangs or your wave touch your eyebrows. This is very bad. Hair should be kept clear of the brows. When you put in your waves, be sure that those at the sides, as well as in front, are away from the brows.

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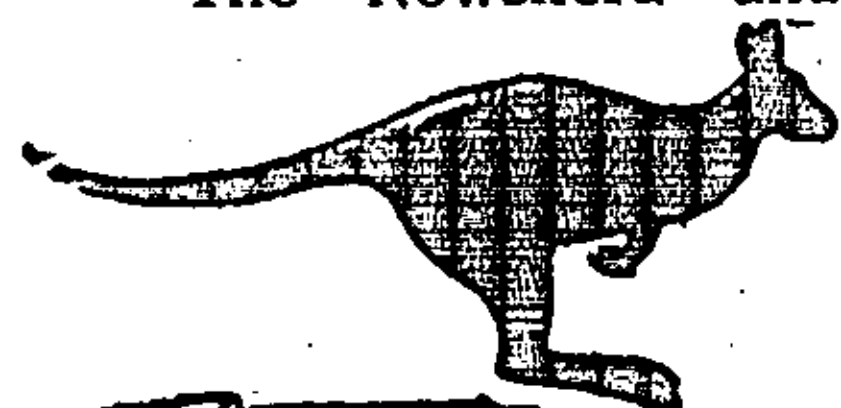
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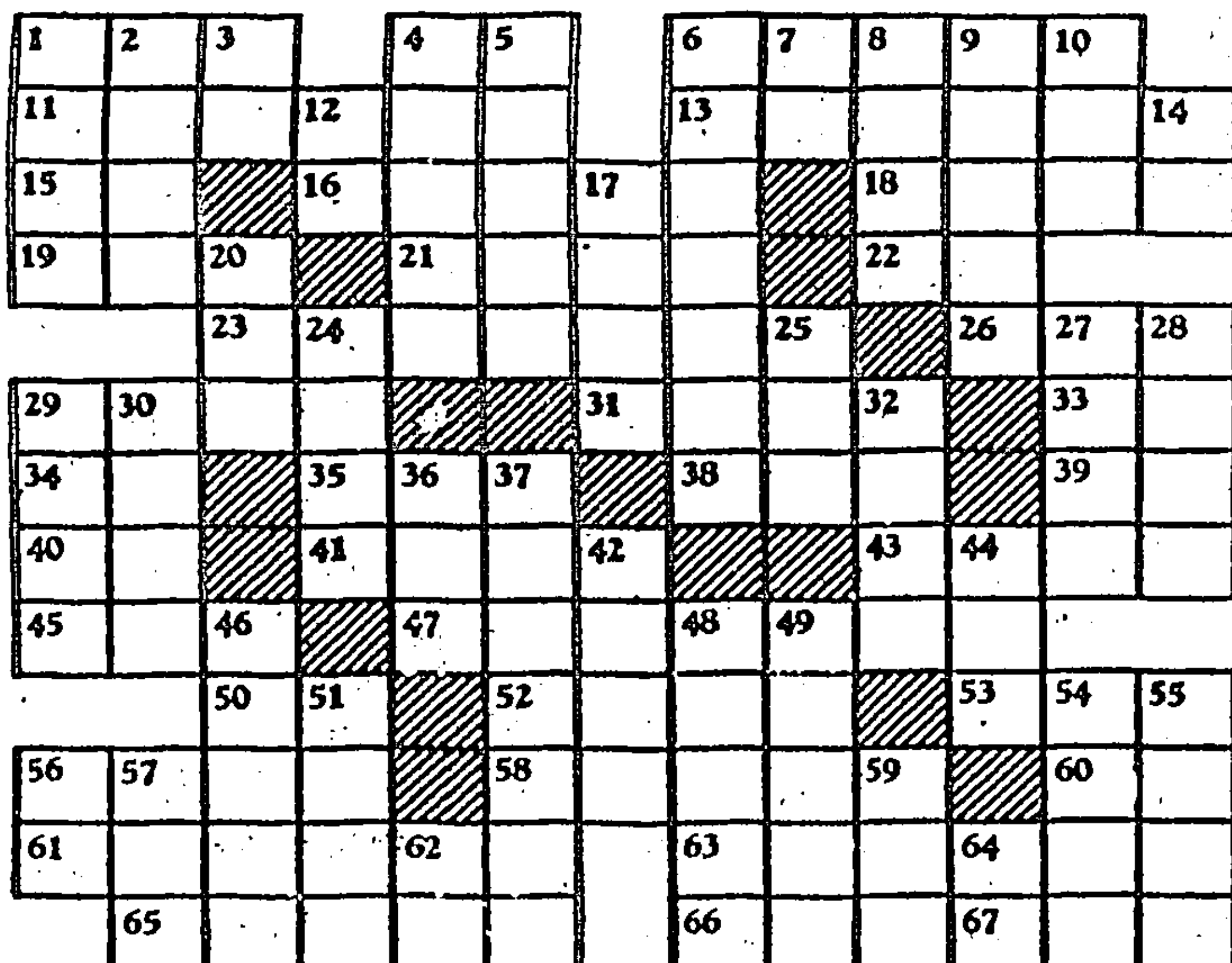


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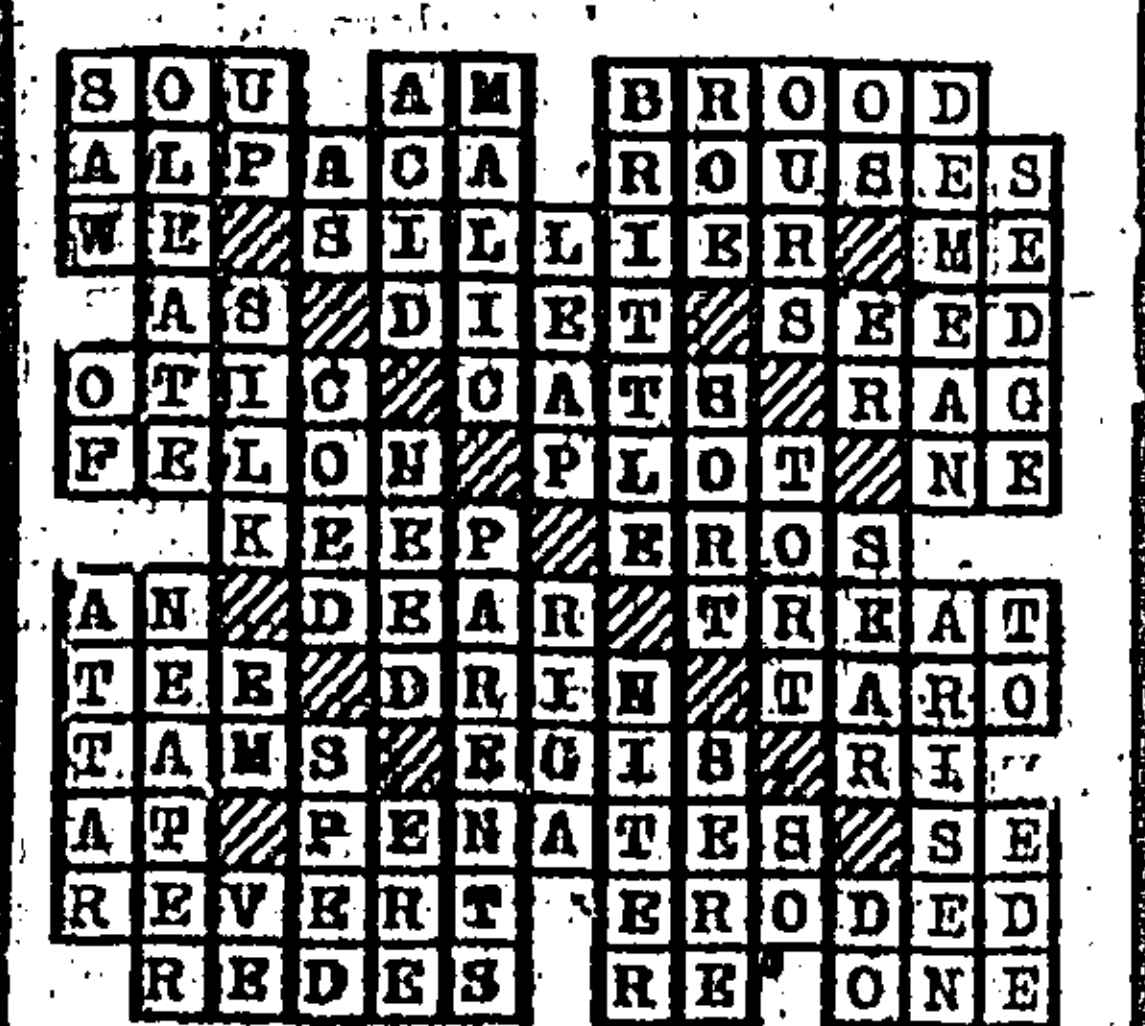
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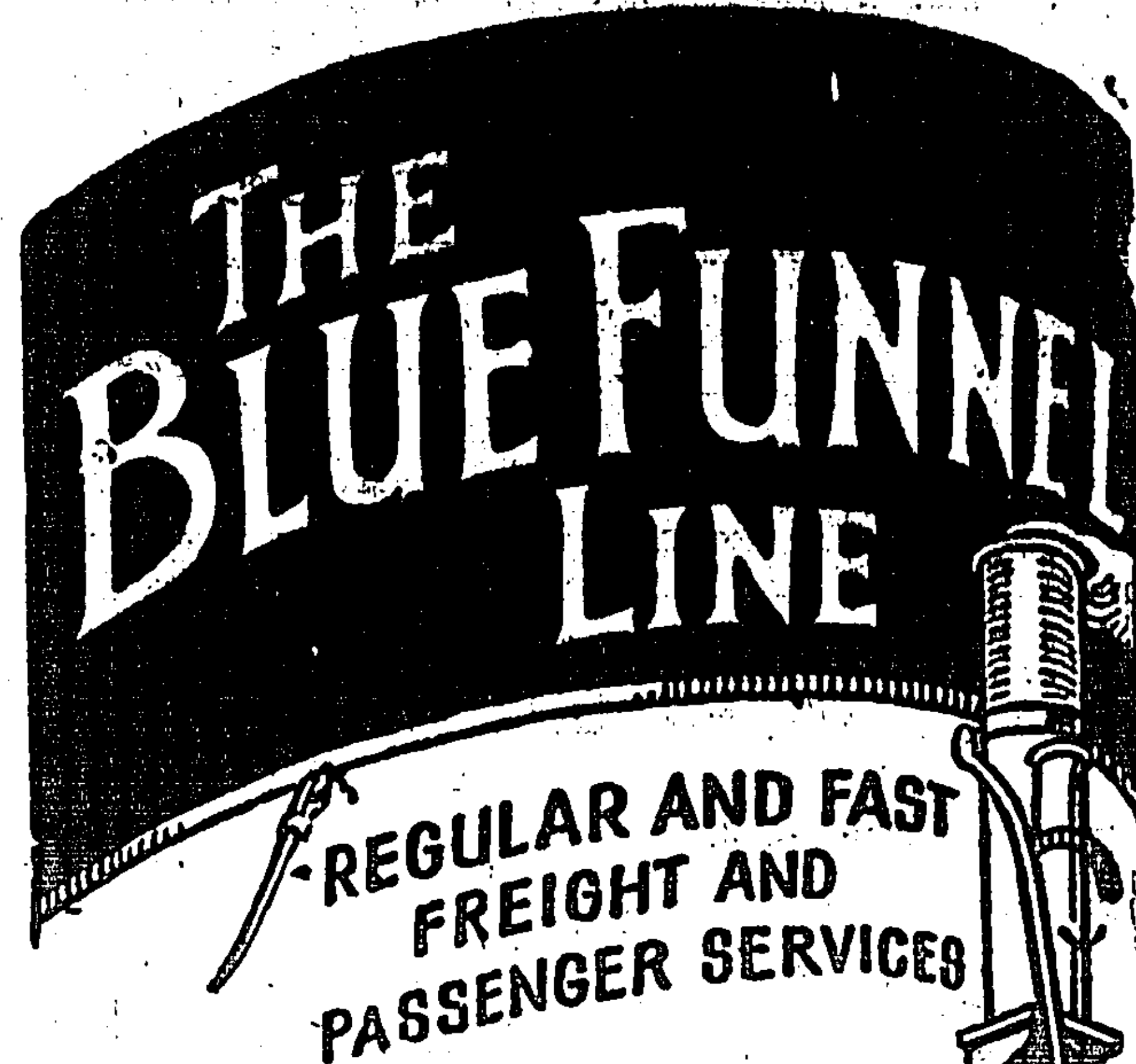
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- 3 College degree
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- 9 A heron
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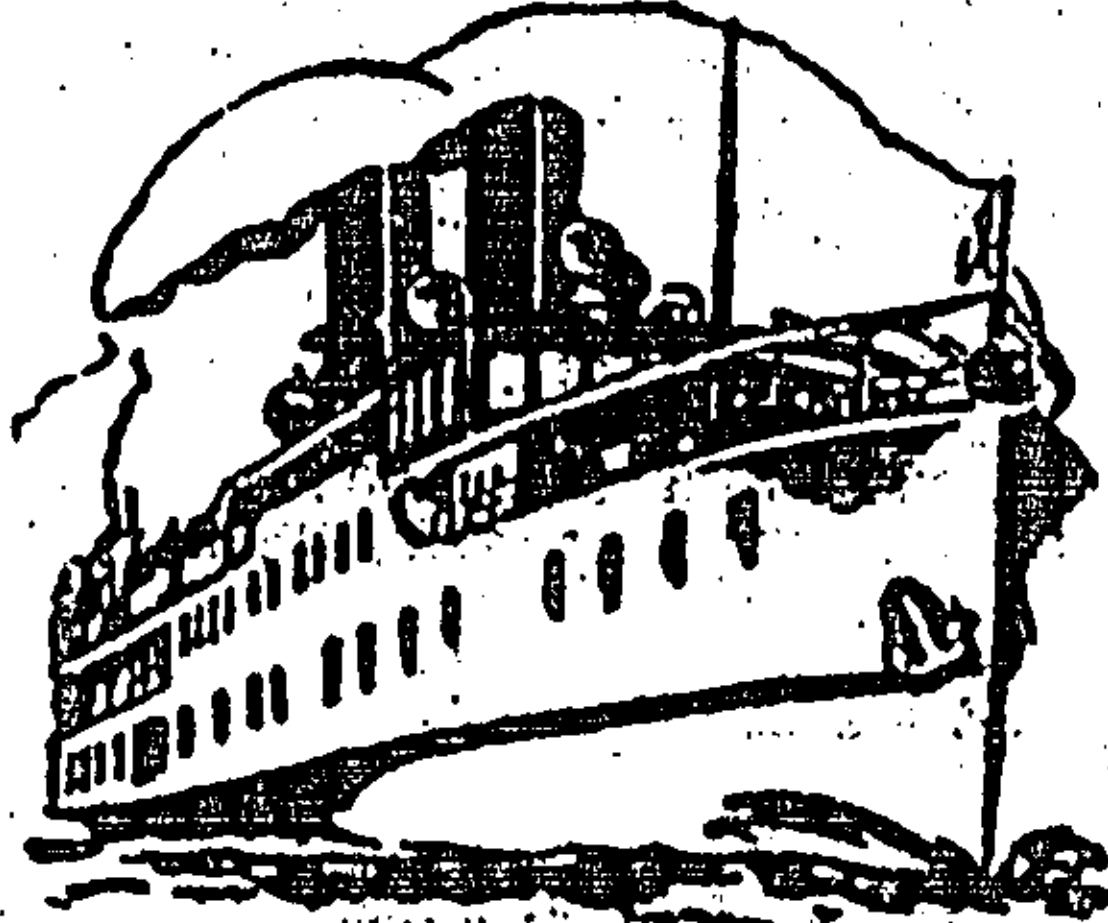
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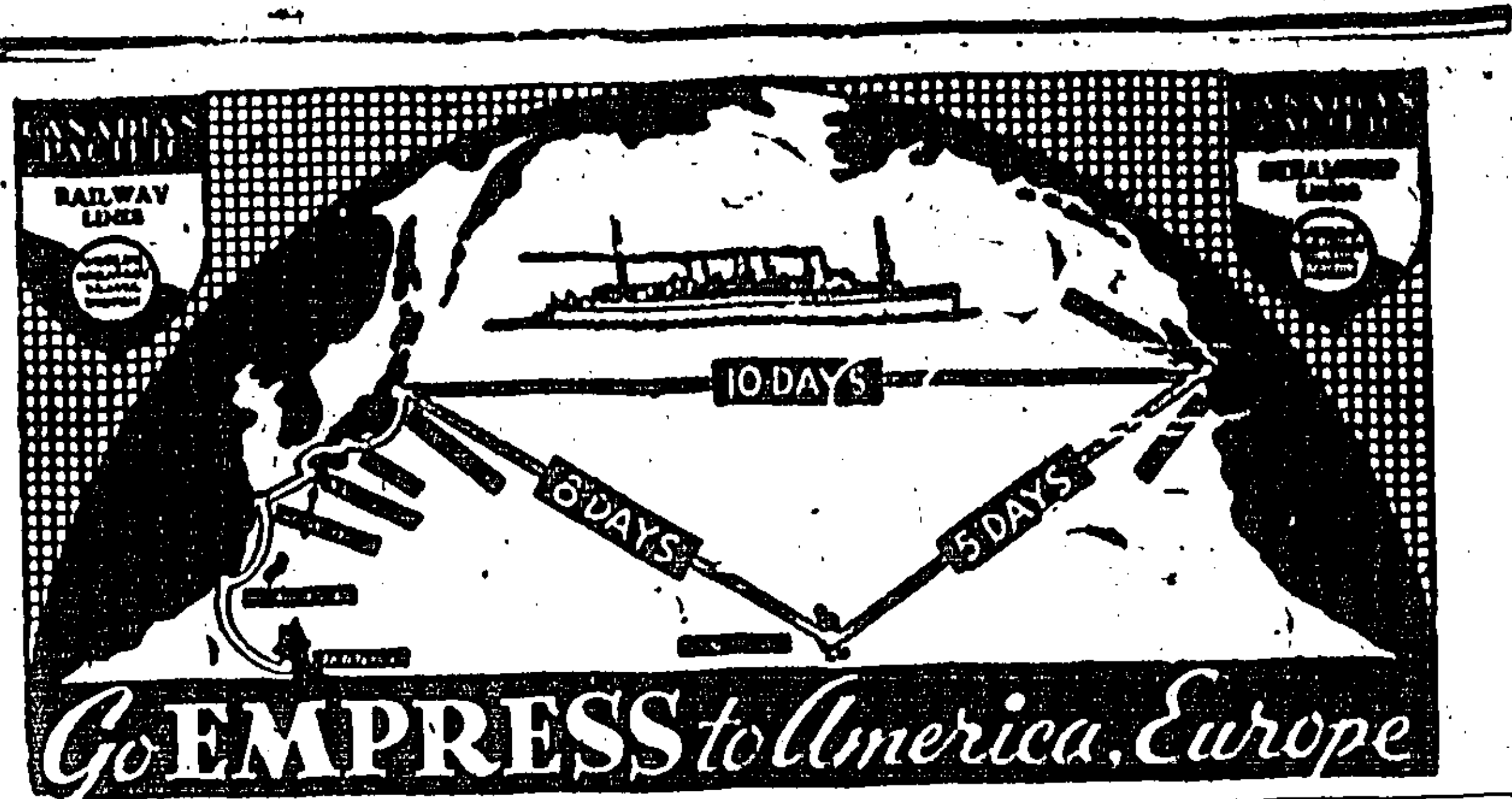
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NAVY'S FIRST 500 MILITIAMEN

The first 500 of the 20-year-old militiamen who have chosen service at sea have now been called up. They reported on Aug. 16 at the Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport, for their six months' training writes Hector C. Bywater, "Daily Telegraph" Naval Correspondent.

How the Navy proposes to absorb and train these young men was explained on high authority.

The Act provides that those who express a preference for naval service may be given an opportunity of serving with the Fleet, subject to personal suitability and the number of vacancies. Since registration began 19,000 men have opted for the Navy. This, however, is a far larger number than can be accepted, and it is estimated that not more than 12,000 can be entered in any one year.

The first batch of 500 will be the pioneers of the Royal Naval Special Reserve, which, in four years' time, is expected to muster a strength of 48,000. The average annual intake will be 12,000, divided into two groups.

LOVE OF THE SEA

Men already following the sea in one capacity or another will constitute the first group, numbering 5,000. The second group will comprise civilians who through special qualifications or a genuine love for sea life are likely to become promising sailors. Their number will average 7,000.

Men in the first group will form the backbone of the fighting personnel in the Merchant Navy in time of war, and will not be drafted to H.M. Fleet unless some special contingency arises. They will be specially trained in gunnery, visual signalling, and the operation of the defensive gear with which all important merchant vessels under British colours are to be equipped in an emergency.

Men in this group are to be registered and enrolled in the Royal Naval Special Reserve by the Registrar-General of Shipping, who has offices in every important port in the Kingdom.

FULL PRESSURE

Men in the second group will be liable for general service in the Navy, either with the Home or the Reserve Fleet.

As the existing naval training establishments are already working at full pressure owing to the great increase in regular personnel, the Admiralty is building two main training centres for the R.N.S.R. One, at Trevol, near Devonport, will accommodate 2,000 men exclusive of the staff; the other, at Fareham, Hants, will take 1,950. These buildings, due to be completed in February, are of the standard army type—wooden huts on brick piers. Every effort is being made to provide amenities and recreational facilities.

Yet a third centre is to be provided at Port Edgar, on the Firth of Forth. To this depot will go all entries from the fishing fleets, alike from English and Scottish ports, to receive special training in patrol service, such as minesweeping, anti-submarine work, and the inspection and examination of merchant ships.

CAPRIVI ZIPFEL NOT ANNEXED

Reports that the Union of South Africa has annexed Caprivi Zipfel were described by the Minister of Native Affairs, Mr. H. A. Fagan, as untrue. As a Mandate Power, he explained, the Union of South Africa has the right to govern this territory from Pretoria or from any other point that she may choose.

BABY TO BE BORN IN PRISON

In passing sentence of four months' imprisonment upon Alice Cook, 29, of no fixed address, at North London, Mr. Basil Watson K.C., remarked:

"You are going to have a baby, and you must receive proper attention. Your baby will be born in prison. It is no reflection on the baby."

The woman had pleaded guilty to stealing clothing and cash, valued together £148, from her employer.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations today:—

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

Providents \$4.15 sa.

MINING

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Demonstrations Ps. .08½ b.

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Mambulao Ps. .07 b.

Masbates Ps. .10 sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .08 b.

Mine Operation Ps. .12½ b.

North Camarines Ps. .20 b.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .15 b.

San Mauricio Ps. .83 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .21½ sa.

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SINGAPORE STOCKS

Quotations of 12 leading Singapore stocks received by Messrs. Ellis and Edgar. Singapore, 18th Augt, 1939.

Rubber Shares	Middle Price
Amalgamated Malay Estate Ltd.	\$ 1.42½ c.d.
Kempas Ltd.	1.77½
Kuala Sidim Rubber Co., Ltd.	2.10
Pajam Ltd.	1.72½
Sungei Bagan Rubber Estates Ltd.	1.25
Tapah Rubber Estates Ltd.	1.52½
Tin Shares	
Petaling Tin Ltd.	6.57½
Sungei Luas Tin Dredging Ltd.	3.37½
Industrials	
Straits Trading Co., Ltd.	25.25
United Engineers Ltd.	
(Ordinary)	8.45
Wearne Brothers Ltd. ..	12.75
Gold Shares	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	4.65 c.d.

The above quotations are in Straits Dollars.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-19/32.

Spot silver was quoted in London at 17-9/16 and forward at 17-3/8.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6812 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$4.68-1/8.

Tam Sui-sun, 17, unemployed, was remanded 48 hours by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when charged with stealing a gold wrist watch from Miss Chan Hon, teacher, in Hollywood Road yesterday.

THE NIGHTMARE MURDER CASE

By VANCE WYNN

"Don't drink that, Tyrell! For God's sake, don't drink it!"

It was a young woman, living in Woodstock, Ontario, who shrieked these words. To add to the terror of it they came from her lips while she appeared to be in a sound sleep. She awoke, trembling and frightened. She told her family she had just had a terrible dream. She was looking in the doorway of a home and saw her relative, the late Tyrell Tilford, seated at the breakfast table. A cup of hot coffee was before him. While his attention was distracted a woman had silently entered and poured a quantity of white powder into his coffee cup. It was when he lifted the cup to his lips that the dreamer had let out the shrieks which awakened her.

The curious part of it was that her relative, Tyrell Tilford, had been dead and buried for weeks. He had died mysteriously, but a doctor had furnished a death certificate, testifying that he had passed away from natural causes. Yet this nightmare had the effect of reviving suspicions which had tormented brothers and sisters of Tilford ever since he had been buried.

It was the intense realism of the dream that made it so impressive. The girl said the tragic scene was as real as if she had actually been present.

As a result a formal application was made asking that the body be exhumed and examined. Mrs. Elizabeth Tilford, the widow, was naturally annoyed at such a proceeding, particularly as the application had been made without her knowledge.

The authorities hesitated about granting such an unusual request, especially a request based on a dream. But at this stage of the proceedings another relative came forward and said that Tyrell Tilford once told her that his wife had tried to poison him. Mrs. Tilford, on hearing this, withdrew all objections to the exhuming of her husband's body. So the attorney-general of the province issued the required order.



A Detective Grills Mrs. Tilford.

In the meantime the detectives subjected Mrs. Tilford to almost continuous grilling. They learned that she had been married three times and that two of her husbands had died suddenly. Another interesting fact was the discovery that she was sixteen years the senior of her late husband, a sturdy young teamster of 35. His illness was peculiar, but he had lingered for several weeks.

After the body had been dug up, Dr. E. R. Frankish, medicolegal expert of Ontario, was called upon to make a post-mortem.

A circle of eager spectators surrounded the eminent man, waiting for the verdict. He finally reported in grave tones:

"I find traces of more than a lethal quantity of arsenic in the organs of this man."

Mrs. Tilford was placed under arrest, and the body of her second husband William Walker was exhumed, but no traces of poison were found.

The trial attracted great crowds, but the accused wife conducted herself admirably. She denied all knowledge of the poisoning, but the testimony indicated that quantities of arsenic had been seen around the house. The suggestion that it had been used to rid the place of rats made no impression upon the jury.

The doctors in the case testified that Mrs. Tilford's hair showed traces of arsenic. Public opinion was about evenly divided. Half the population of Canada was sure she was the victim of unfair gossip, while the other half was positive that she was the prototype of Lucrezia Borgia, the wickedest woman of her time.

The highlight of the trial came when a little black-coated man took the stand. He was Victor King, a drug clerk, not unknown in the community. He was timid and hesitating, but his testimony was given in a way that was convincing to the court and jury. He said that a few weeks before Tyrell Tilford was taken ill, Mrs. Tilford had called him on the telephone and ordered a quantity of powdered arsenic.

At these words there was a stir in the courtroom and the spectators leaned forward expectantly. According to some, Mrs. Tilford's lips quivered and she showed emotion for the first time.

It was on this final note that the twelve good men and true left the box and went to the jury room to decide whether Mrs. Tilford should be acquitted or whether she should be the first woman in sixty-five years to be executed for murder in the Province of Ontario.

Many thought that after debating for fifteen or twenty minutes the jury would come in with a verdict of acquittal. They reasoned that the accused woman would be given the benefit of the doubt.

But at the end of the sixth hour the jury filed into court. The foreman with emotion pronounced the word: "Guilty!"

An appeal for a new trial was denied, and when a higher court declined to interfere Mrs. Tilford went to the gallows, which ghastly fate would have been spared her had her husband's relative in Woodstock not had her celebrated nightmare.

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HE'LL TELL NAZIS WHAT BRITISH PUBLIC REALLY THINKS

FOUR YEARS AGO, MR. A. S. WILLMIN, BRIGHTON, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUNDING A FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN HIS OWN TOWN AND THE DISTRICT OF WESTPHALIA, GERMANY.

Since then parties from Westphalia and Brighton have exchanged visits at least once every year.

But this year no party from Westphalia will visit Brighton. And from Brighton the only visitor to Westphalia is Mr. Willmin.

He is making the trip so that the spirit of friendship will not be entirely broken.

In Westphalia he will be entertained by the friends he has made in Germany through his efforts to establish a closer understanding between the people of Germany and England.

The Germans who have tried to foster the friendship with England have arranged for Mr. Willmin a series of meetings, at which he will try to convey the feelings of ordinary Englishmen on the troubled state of international politics.

He will speak to audiences of German ex-Servicemen, to German women and to German schoolchildren.

The friendship between Westphalia and Brighton was founded when Mr. Willmin rendered a service to a German mother who lost her son during the war. The son died in a prisoner of war camp at Brighton.

PRIVATE PHONES FOR POLICE

A Home Office scheme for linking up by private telephone lines all police headquarters in England will shortly be put into operation.

Sub-divisional stations will themselves be in direct communication with their local headquarters. When the new system is completed immediate communication will be possible with every police station in the country. The scheme is part of the A.R.P. precautions, but it will be principally used for tracing criminals who are attempting to evade capture.

The mother wrote to Mr. Willmin, who was then secretary of the British Legion, Brighton Branch, and she asked him to locate her son's grave.

The grave was located, and the bereaved mother with a party of friends visited Brighton to pay their homage to the dead soldier.

Then the suggestion of yearly visits was made; an idea which appealed strongly to both English and Germans.

TEST CRICKET

West Indies Take Full Advantage Of Sultry Weather

Weekes And V. Stollmeyer In Brilliant Stand

TOURISTS 43 RUNS ON WITH FOUR WICKETS IN HAND

LONDON, TO-DAY. — Although there was a certain amount of rain, which held up play for about an hour after tea, the West Indian cricketers, playing in the last Test, at the Oval against England, were at last favoured with weather to their liking and the result was an exhilarating exhibition of batting and a lead of 43 runs with four wickets in hand at the end of the second day's play.

Feature of the day's play was the brilliant batting of K. H. Weekes and Vic Stollmeyer, who added 163 for the fifth wicket.

Weekes, scoring at the rate of over a run a minute, compiled 137, while Vic Stollmeyer was most unfortunate to miss his century when only four runs short.

J. Stollmeyer and Headley also passed the 50 mark, and, with J. E. D. Sealey and L. N. Constantine in possession, honours can be fairly said to be in the hands of the Tourists.

Play will conclude to-day with every likelihood of the match being drawn.

WEATHER FINE

There was a crowd of 9,000 present when the Final Test match between England and West Indies resumed at the Oval yesterday.

The weather was fine and the wicket unaffected by slight overnight rain.

Jeff Stollmeyer and G. Headley, the overnight not outs, settled down to play steady cricket and the 50 was hoisted without further loss.

It was estimated that the crowd had increased to 20,000 when Jeff Stollmeyer was caught by Perks off Hutton, at short leg for 59 (128/2). He had been at the wicket for 155 minutes and hit 4 fours. His innings had been featured by the elegance of his stroke play and his partnership with Headley realised 118 in 135 minutes.

Headley did not long survive. With his personal contribution 65 and the total 134 for 3, he was unfortunate to be run out.

His innings had been marked by powerful off driving and cutting and during a stay of 140 minutes, he hit 5 fours.

When lunch was taken at 152 for 3, Vic Stollmeyer, a brother of Jeff, had scored 17 and Gomez 5.

BRIGHT PARTNERSHIP

On the resumption, this pair had added a further 12 runs when Gomez

had his leg stump disturbed by a fast ball from Perks (164/4).

Then ensued a bright partnership between Stollmeyer and Weekes. The former hoisted his own 50 after he had been at the wicket for 85 minutes and Weekes, with bright cutting, hit 7 fours in his first 50 scored in 58 minutes.

The 200 was hoisted in 230 minutes and the partnership had added a further 50 in only 23 minutes when Stollmeyer's great innings was terminated (327/5).

Making his first appearance in a Test this season, this batsman was unfortunate in not reaching his century, being stumped by Wood when only four runs short of the coveted three-figures.

His innings had been chanceless. Powerful pulling and driving brought him 11 fours during the 145 minutes he was batting.

The partnership added 163 in only 100 minutes.

WEEKES OUT

After he had been at the wicket for 110 minutes, Weekes' fine effort was rewarded when he reached his century.

With the total at 360 for 5, Weekes 113 not and J. E. D. Sealey 7 not, tea was taken.

Rain held up play for an hour after tea but then 29 runs were added before Weekes' fine innings came to a close, Hammond catching him off the bowling of Nichols after he had scored 137. (389/6).

The outgoing batsman had given a brilliant all-round display lasting 135 minutes, during which he hit one six and 18 fours.

With Sealey and Constantine in possession stumps were drawn for the day.—Reuter.

TEST SCORE BOARD

ENGLAND—First Innings	
Hutton, c and b Johnson	73
Keeton, b Johnson	0
Oldfield, b Constantine	80
W. R. Hammond, c Grant b Constantine	43
Compton, c Gomez, b Martindale	21
Hardstaff, b Constantine	94
Nichols, run out	24
Wood, b Constantine	0
Wright, lbw, b Constantine	6
Goddard, b Clark	0
Perks, not out	1
Extras	10

Total 352
Fall of wickets: 1 (Keeton) for 2; 2 (Hutton) for 133; 3 (Oldfield) for 168; 4 (Compton) for 215; 5 (Hammond) for 244; 6 (Nichols) for 333; 7 (Wood) for 333; 8 (Wright) for 345; 9 (Goddard) for 346; 10 (Hardstaff) for 352.

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Martindale	13 0 83 1
Johnson	16 1 54 2
Constantine	17.3 2 75 5
Clarke	21 0 98 1
Grant	6 0 32 0

West Indies—1st. Inns.	
R. S. Grant, c Goddard, b Perks	6
J. Stollmeyer, c Perks, b Hutton	59
G. Headley, run out	65
Vic Stollmeyer, st. Wood, b Goddard	96
A. Gomez, b Perks	11
K. H. Weekes, c Hammond, b Nichols	137
J. E. D. Sealey, not out	17
L. N. Constantine, not out	1
Extras	3

Total (for 6 wickets) ... 395

ENGLAND'S RYDER CUP TEAM

London, To-day.—The following players have been selected to represent England in the Ryder Cup match against United States at Pontevedra (Florida) on November 18 and 19:—Henry Cotton (capt.), J. Adams, Richard Burton, S. King, A. Padgham, E. Rees, Charles Whitcombe and Reginald Whitcombe.—Reuter.

U.S. BASEBALL

National League:—Chicago Cubs 4 New York Giants 3; St. Louis Cardinals 1 Brooklyn Dodgers 7; Cincinnati Reds 7 Philadelphia 0.—Reuter.

(Continued from Next Col.)
selections in the Signals' side, but who the other two will be will depend on lot on the heats which will be held on Monday evening for the other events. I should imagine Bedford will obtain his place and possibly McCann.

I WAS sorry to see that no Army entrants were in the Colony swimming championships which took place last week end. While I do not suggest that the Army have another Lawrence in their ranks I do think that one or two Army long distance swimmers could have had a say in one or two of the places. The team races were out of the question of course, but individually there are one or two useful performers over a distance amongst the "Squaddies".

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

THE eight ball over which has caused much discussion in home cricket for some time, seems likely to be tried in Hong Kong League cricket this year.

The Hong Kong Cricket League meeting will be held on the 5th of next month and the whole question will then be argued out.

What the Army view will be towards this suggestion I have not been able to ascertain as the Secretary is away on leave at the moment, but I feel sure that provided the general opinion is for the adoption of the eight ball over the Army will not be averse to trying it.

I think the greatest advantage it has to offer as regards local cricket is that it is a time-saving device in that it saves the time wasted in changing over once in every six balls. Although in some matches this does not amount to a lot, with the early finishes necessary in the evenings owing to bad light here, it may quite possibly be invaluable in making a decision possible, whereas under the old six ball rule a draw would have resulted.

In any case I think it is a step in the right direction towards so called "brighter cricket".

AN interesting swimming gala will be held at the Y.M.C.A. next Friday, by the Hong Kong Signal Company. Included in the events is an Invitation Relay Race to which the 9th A.A. Battery, 12th Heavy Battery, 5th A.A. Battery, 30th Battery, the Royal Engineers, Royal Scots, R.A.S.C., R.A.M.C. and R.A.O.C. have been invited to take part.

Obviously the Signals themselves will take some beating in this event as they have a strong side, but my selection is the Royal Scots. Although they are very weak at water polo, they average, I believe, 30 seconds per man for the team of four. This should be fast enough to put a stop to the efforts of other sides. The Artillery teams are rather dark horses as they have some new faces, but I have not heard of any great finds recently and so cannot fancy their chances. However, we must wait and see!

SERVICE Corps are able to field a fairly strong four, Dvr. Richards, S/Sgt. Skinner, L/C. Martin and Dvr. Logan the cricketer. Although a newcomer, Pte. Johnson is reputed to be very good and may oust one of these from the side. Richards is the fastest and can get down to about 28 seconds when in training, but he has not been at his best recently. Skinner and Martin are about equal round the 30 mark whilst Logan covers the distance in something like 34 seconds.

With MacDonald, the Medicals have a strong finisher, but their other swimmers are not in the same class and I cannot see them being concerned in the finish.

Providing Ordnance can get their strongest side out they should be a troublesome quartette. Jack is exceptionally fast over a length and a half, and, if he can pull out that little extra needed for the last half length, should be able to hold his own, whilst he has useful backing from Leach, Pitt, and Coughlan, who, I should think, would be the other three. Ashford and Dignan are automatic (Continued at foot of preceding Col.)

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LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP

ABBAS, MINU AND DALLAH THROUGH

The three remaining Indian Recreation Club players in the Third Round of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship did well yesterday and all qualified for the Quarter Final Round which will be played next week.

At Civil Service, M. R. Abbas, much against expectations, trounced A. E. Coates, a former champion, by 22 shots to 12 after 19 heads.

Abbas took the lead from the very start and at the tenth head was leading by 15 shots to 1 which he increased to 20-5 on the 15th. Coates scored a four on the 16th head and added three shots more in the next two heads. Abbas scored a two on the 19th head.

A. R. Dallah gave little away in his game against C. M. Silva and won by 21-7 on the 14th head. Dallah scored 12 shots in the first six heads before Silva replied with a single. At the 12th head Dallah was leading 15-7 and scored six shots on the next two heads.

The third Indian Recreation Club player to win yesterday was A. R. Minu against A. M. Omar. The game was more evenly contested and Omar had the lead for the greater part of the game.

At the 21st head the score was 16-16 but on the next head Omar scored a three to lead at a vital stage of the game, but he was unable to add to his score while Minu crept on to reach 18-19 and then scored a three on the next head.

At Kowloon Cricket Club, C. F. Remedios, a former Shanghai champion, defeated H. A. Alves by 22-18 on the 27th head.

The following were the results of games played yesterday.

At Club de Recreio
A. R. Minu beat A. M. Omar 21-19 on the 25th head.

H. White beat W. Gill 21-12.

At Kowloon C.C.
C. F. Remedios beat H. A. Alves 22-19 on the 27th head.

At Civil Service C.C.
M. R. Abbas beat A. E. Coates 22-12 on the 19th head.

A. R. Dallah beat C. M. Silva 21-7 on the 15th head.

GOSCOMBE-O'SULLIVAN CUP DRAW

Following is the draw for the Goscombe-O'Sullivan Cup for 1939:—
Preliminary Round:—Prison B v Post Office; P.W.D. "C" v Police "C."

First Round:—P.W.D. "A" v Medical; Education Dept. v Police "B"; Clerical "B" v P.W.D. "B"; Prison "A" v Govt. House; P.W.D. "D" v Clerical "A"; Police "A" v Harbour Dept.; Sanitary Dept. v Revenue Dept.
All matches to be played on Police green.

Preliminary Round and bottom 4 games of the 1st round to be played at 3 p.m. on the 27th of August 1939.
The top 4 games of the 1st round to be played at 3 p.m. on the 3rd of September 1939.
2nd round to be played on Monday



CHEUK SHEK-KAM, the All-China soccer team reserve, will be playing in Sunday's charity game.

"Offer Gold" Fund To Benefit

THE FIRST CHARITY FOOTBALL GAME of the season will be played on Sunday on the Club ground at 5.30 p.m., in aid of the "Offer Gold Campaign," between Eastern Athletic Association, runners up in the First Division, and a selected team from the Rest of the Clubs.

Hong Kong Football Association have given permission for the game to be played provided Eastern secure the necessary permission from Government and the Police Department and arrange for their opponents.

In the latter case the Association are not in a position to field a team as most of the players have not been registered yet, so Eastern had to invite players, with permission from the clubs concerned, to participate in this game.

LOCAL BASEBALL

TWO INTERESTING FRIENDLIES ON SUNDAY

(By "GRANDSTAND")

ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN, the Mindanao-Hongkong Baseball Club game was not played and has been cancelled.

On Sunday morning, Chinese Baseball Club, who had a good chance of clinching the runners-up position, forfeited their return encounter with U.S.S. Mindanao to give the sailors second place in the League ladder.

As C.B.C. could not field a full team the Mindanao boys were given the walk-over. In an exhibition game, and with the services of George Wu, Y. T. Chan, Bill Hong Sling and A. Li, the Chinese gave Mindanao a corking game taking the American Gobs to the sweet tune of 9-6.

Wally Ching pitched for the Chinese with Nip Lum receiving, while Tony Mockvicius hurled for Mindanao with "Paint-pot" Thomas catching.

MINDANAO'S NEW PITCHER

This is Mockvicius' first appearance on a local diamond and he showed some fancy pitching although he was unfortunate in committing three errors and to lose his first game in Hong Kong.

The game looked like a track meet for Mindanao in the first canto with five sailors romping home to open the session.

In this inning Terry started off to roll an easy one to Wally Ching for the first putout. Todd singled and Thomas followed with a safe hit to right field. "Horseface" Douglas was hit by a pitched ball to take first and load the bases. With bases filled, "Shorty" Chase came through with a timely single to score Todd and Thomas. Douglas and Chase then came home on Badrick's triple ply to right field. Wilson did a Casey for the second out, but Badrick scored on a passed ball. Keplinger binged but was forced at second to retire the inning when Mockvicius grounded to second baseman Hong Sling.

CHINESE RALLY AND WIN

Mindanao scored one more run in the second inning.

the 4th September 1939, at 3 p.m.
Semi-Final to be played on 10th of September 1939 at 3 p.m.

Final to be played on 17th of September 1939 at 3 p.m.

With two away, dependable "Paint-pot" Thomas rapped the pill to the right field bank for a three bagger. Douglas binged to score Thomas. Chase lifted a skyscraper to left-field and into Richard Chung's glove to end the inning.

The Chinese tightened up in the third inning to blank the Sailors for the remaining five innings.

The Chinese replied with two tallies in the second when June and A. Li, walked and were brought in by Wally Ching's hit to left field. They evened the count in the third canto with four runs on two measly hits by Choy and Y. T. Chan, two wild throws, a bobble by Mockvicius, a muff by Keplinger at left field and a miscue by short-stop Badrick.

The Chinese brought the bacon home with two tallies in the fifth and another in the sixth frame.

GREAT BRITAIN'S DISPLAY

In a practice game before the opening of the International series next Saturday, China emerged victorious, by 11-7, last Sunday over Great Britain. Included in the British squad were the four Leonard Brothers, David, Terry, Stanley and Norman, three Sappers in Shaw, Foley and Jarsfield and three Hongkong Baseball Club players, Dave Walker, Joe Higgins and Sammy Izatt.

D. Leonard and Joe Higgins formed the battery for Great Britain and did very well. D. Leonard, on the hillcock, put up a good performance to limit the Chinese to seven hits. Besides, pitching a good game he took twelve fielding chances with only one error.

Great Britain committed ten errors to give the game away and to break twirler Dave Leonard's heart.

Although Great Britain out-pitched and out-hit China the latter played

The Selected team chosen is a fairly strong side and is composed entirely of Civilian or Chinese players.

Tam Kwan-kon, the Interport goalkeeper, will be seen between the sticks while St. Joseph's will furnish the two backs in A. J. Hussain and V. Costa. The latter is making a return to soccer this season after an absence of a year due to a damaged ankle sustained at the start of last season.

Yeung Tse-chong, of Kwong Wah, will occupy the pivotal position assisted by Honnibal, of Kowloon, on his right and E. L. Strange of the Club on his left.

LEONARD CENTRE-FORWARD

D. Leonard will lead the attack while P. Jorge of Kowloon will be seen at inside right with T. Castilho, captain of the newly-formed International Athletic Club, on the right wing.

The left wing combination is composed of Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-cheung, both from Kwong Wah.

Eastern are fielding the team which won the runners-up title but it is possible that several newcomers will be included.

Cheung Ying-kuen, of the Royal Engineers, will be seen at left half and will probably sign up for Eastern this season, while at inside right, Chung Ying-sang, formerly of Shanghai will be on view.

Lee Tak-kee will lead the attack with Chan Bing-to and Hau Ching-to, the right and left wingers respectively.

The game will be refereed by Mr. R. M. Omar and the usual prices for admission will be charged.

Eastern (to be chosen from the following):—Lau Hin-hon, Chung Chin-wan, Lo Wai-kuen, Cheung Ying-kuen, Hsu King-seng and Lai Shee-tan; Woo Chi-sang, Chang Bing-to, Chung Ying-sam, Lee Tak-kee, Cheung Kam-hoi, Chaw Man-chi and Hau Ching-to.

The Rest:—Tam Kwan-kon; Hussain and Costa; Honnibal, Yeung Tse-chong and E. Strange; Castilho, P. Jorge, D. Leonard, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-cheung.

better ball with only four errors chalked up against them; three of which were made by Tommy Chan, at short-stop.

HIGHLIGHTS OF GAME

The game was not without its highlights for three double plays were pulled, two by the losers and one by the winners. They over by Dave Leonard to Izatt in the third to dispose of Choy and Tommy Chan, Sling to Y. T. Chan then to Wally Ching in the third to nail Norman Leonard and Joe Higgins, and Dave Leonard to brother Norman then to big brother Terry to put Tommy Chan and Y. T. Chan out of commission in the seventh.

THE forthcoming local cricket season promises to be quite a notable one. As I mentioned some weeks ago, efforts are being made to institute home and away League matches and now, I have been informed by the Hon. Secretary of the Cricket League, clubs are being sounded in the matter of the eight-ball over.

This question has been dealt with at great length by competent authorities on the game and the fact that it has been introduced by that conservative body, the M.C.C., into the realms of English first-class cricket indicates its merit.

As far as we are concerned, chief factor will be time-saving. I should imagine that in nowhere else in the world, is time for matches so restricted as in Hong Kong and for that reason, any movements that would tend to give us even a few minutes extra play, is worthy of the closest consideration.

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ELSEWHERE in these columns will be found the Interport swimming nominations. The selection committee have made the best of a bad job, having regard to the limit of their scope in making the selections, and, if the team is not the most powerful that might have represented the Colony, it is sound and should carry our colours with distinction.

SPORTS PARADE

We appear to be particularly well served in regard to free style events, although I should not give very much for our prospects were Lawrence unable to make the trip.

This brilliant swimmer will probably participate in the 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards and 100 yards backstroke, all of which local titles, he now holds, while he will also swim in the free style relay.

It will be observed that he will be called upon to shoulder a particularly heavy burden, but, as the Interport gala, like our own championship gala just concluded, extends over three days, there is no reason why he should not meet with as much success in Shanghai next month as he did here in the past few days.

In view of the very poor time returned in Shanghai for the 880, it would be an extremely good thing for the Colony were Lawrence to compete in this event as well. There is little doubt that he would be successful. I cannot for the life of me see who else could support Lionel Roza Pereira otherwise.

D. H. TAYLOR will take a lot of holding in the 50 yards sprint. The Shanghai championship was won in the very poor time of 28-2/5 by Wen, described as a former Hong Kong man, so there is every prospect, now that Gavriloff is definitely out of it owing to illness, of our securing points in this event. David Hutchinson will probably be our second string.

Although his capabilities in the 100 and 220 free style events are not known, Hutchinson will probably have to swim second string in both these races. Results alone will show of what this youngster is capable, but he should not be discouraged if he does not cover himself with glory in his first Interport.

I see no reason why we should not win the free style relay with such sprinters as Taylor, Lawrence, Hutchinson and C. N. da Silva to represent us, although we shall be hard up against it in the medley.

Dickie Hall and Lumsdaine, as reported by Reuter on Sunday, won the back and breast stroke championships of Shanghai in really fantastic

LOCKE, PADGHAM BEATEN

London, July 22.—A. D. "Bobby" Locke, South African champion, and A. H. Padgham, former Open titleholder, were beaten 3 and 2 by Syd Fairweather, Malone, and James Adams, Royal Liverpool, in an eighteen holes match on the Malone course, Belfast, yesterday.

Fairweather, who had the best round of the four (64), holed two chip shots during the round.

HEARTS PLAYER FOR HAMILTON

London, August 9.—John M'Nab, the former Heart of Midlothian inside left, was signed yesterday by Hamilton Academicals. M'Nab was a member of the Cambuslang Rangers, Scottish Junior Cup winning team two years ago. Last season he made several appearances in the Tynecastle reserve team, but was released at the end of the season.—Our Own Correspondent.

MUTUAL POOLS, LTD.

London, August 4.—The General Council of the Trades Union Congress disclaimed any responsibility for Mutual Pools, Ltd., the new football pools organisation with which several Trade Union leaders were associated.

A statement issued yesterday says:—"It is considered necessary to make it quite clear that the Trade Union movement, either through the General Council of the T.U.C. or through any individual Trade Union has no responsibility whatever in connection with the company or its activities."

EDINBURGH CITY SIGN TWO NEW PLAYERS

Following their trial on Thursday night, Edinburgh City F.C. signed:—James Haldane, left back (Dalmeny Parish), Churches League player, a brother of R. Haldane, the recent signing from Queen's Park Strollers, and William W. Russell, inside forward, resident in West Linton, who played in the trial under the name of T. Carr.

SCOTLAND WILL PLAY FRANCE

Scotland will meet France in Paris on New Year's Day, 1940. This announcement, made by Mr. H. M. Simson, secretary of the Scottish Rugby Union, is in accordance with the expectation expressed recently when it was stated that the two countries had resumed playing relations. The other matches arranged by the home unions with France are: Ireland (at Belfast) on January 27; England (at Twickenham) on February 24; Wales (in Paris) on Easter Monday.

times but Hutchinson and Rumjahn should not let these figures overawe them. They are made of the right material and there is no reason in the world why they should not upset Shanghai's calculations.

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OUR water polo team, composed for the most part of those who have played for the unbeaten V.R.C. League team, should do fairly well, whilst Lionel Roza Pereira and Stanley Lee are divers capable of extending Shanghai's best.

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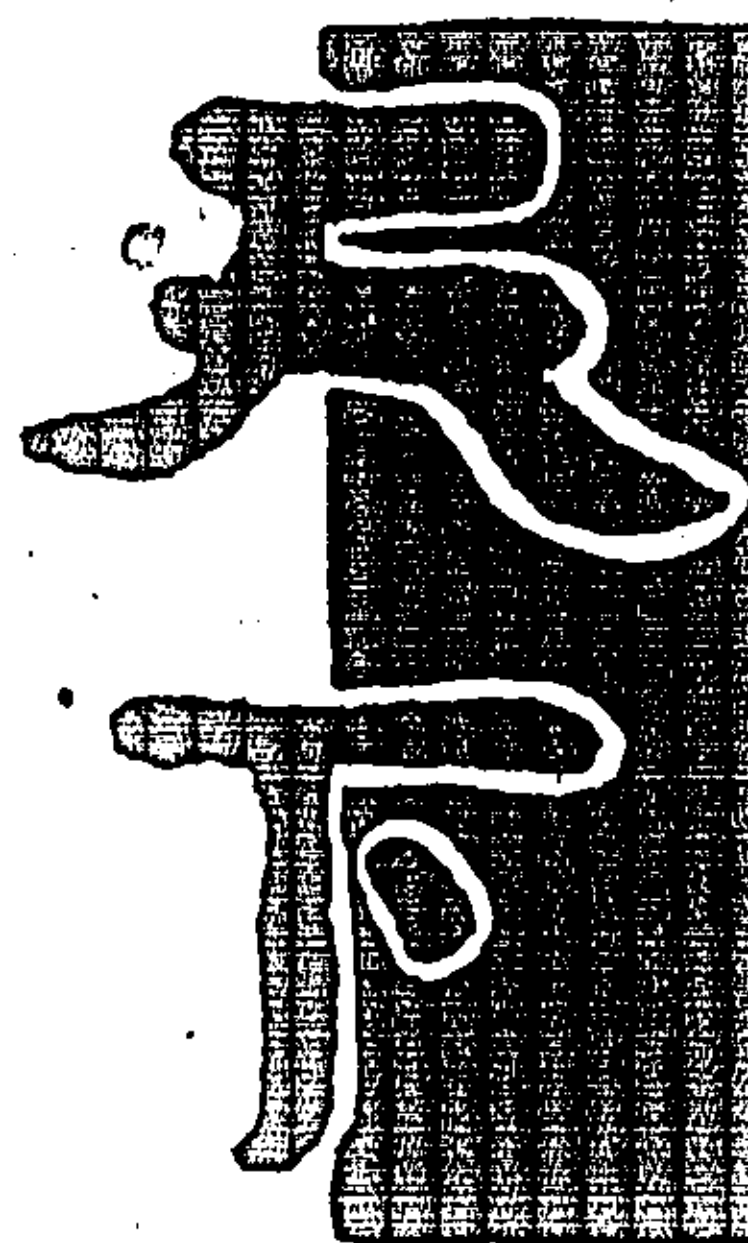
ALL things being considered, I think we have reason to feel eminently satisfied with our swimming representatives, and, if they don't bring home the bacon, I know it will not be from want of trying.

I feel I will be expressing the sentiments of all local swimming enthusiasts when I wish them good luck in Shanghai and a very enjoyable trip.

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H.K. SWIMMER WINS 50 YARDS FREE STYLE

Shanghai, August 16.—No new records were registered at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. annual swimming gala which took place last night at the association's pool, although some close and thrilling results were witnessed. For the first time in Shanghai swimming history, a Chinese swimmer assumed a local title, when L. C. Wen won the 50 yards free style in 26 2/5 seconds and Z. K. Lok ran off with the 880 yards crown, indicating thereby the vast progress made by Chinese swimmers recently.

The most exciting race of the day was the men's 50 yards free style Shanghai championship which brought practically every finalist to the finish together. So close was the result that the judges, after deliberation, reversed their earlier decision that Z. K. Lok had won the title, giving first place to C. L. Wen, former Hong Kong swimmer, with L. Oliveira second and Z. K. Lok third. Archie Logan was fourth. The time of 26-2/5 seconds was the slowest recorded for many years.

SLOW TIMES IN FREE STYLE EVENTS

The men's 150 yards medley swim developed into a two-man contest between E. L. McAllister and G. Figueredo, Ernie Smith being in hospital suffering from burns incurred while at work and Kwok Chan Hang being a spectator at the gala, unable to take part due to illness. McAllister won in 1 minute 57-4/5 seconds, being 3/3 seconds slower than his time in the heats.

Miss B. Gray won the ladies' diving, as Miss Fraser scratched.

In the men's 880 yards free style an interesting duel took place between Z. K. Lok and H. Schloten, the former just holding a slight margin which he retained to the finish despite Schloten's desperate effort to come up at the end. The time of 13 minutes 11-3/5 seconds was considerably over the record.

Miss Joan Carrel swam a particularly good race to win the ladies' 50 yards free style in convincing style from Miss Ling Mei Ling, the winner being three yards ahead at the finish, with Mrs. A. F. Johnston a good third. The time of 30-1/5 seconds was slightly over the old record of 29-3/5 seconds set by Miss Jacqueline Ball.

FALSE START

A large crowd turned out for the function and the Foreign Y.M.C.A. natatorium was crowded to capacity. Promptly on time the events were started off, the men's 50 yards free style seeing only four entries as Ernie Smith's injuries prevented him from taking part. A false start held up proceedings, but Len Bright sent the finalists off eventually to a fine start. Z. K. Lok had the best of the start and went out ahead with L. Oliveira at his shoulder and C. L. Wen and Archie Logan following. On the turn, C. L. Wen came up as did Archie Logan, but in the final burst for the finish, the first three swimmers touched practically level. The record of 25 seconds was set by Tommy Britton in 1936.

After an interesting life-saving exhibition, the two finalists, E. L. McAllister and G. Figueredo, were sent off in the men's 150 yards medley swim and here a grand struggle was seen. Figueredo went slightly ahead in the first lap of the breast stroke, but McAllister evened things up in the second lap. In the backstroke Figueredo took a lead again and held a three yards advantage on the turn, but in the free style, McAllister was able to come up slightly and in a fighting finish, the latter just managed to win by three feet. The time was 1 minute 57-4/5 seconds. McAllister's time of 1 minute 57-1/5 seconds in the heats was better than that recorded last night.

With Miss J. Fraser dropping out Miss Betty Gray won the ladies' diving championship last night, the winner giving an exhibition, with Miss D. Vickers making several dives as well.

LOK WINS NARROWLY

A closely contested race took place in the men's 880 yards free style with

Z. K. Lok just holding a slight advantage over E. Schloten and J. Figueredo third all the way. The two leading swimmers held practically the same margin of advantage over the others throughout the race, Lok being just ten feet ahead of Schloten for the better part of the time. On the last lap, Schloten tried hard to come up, but without success and Lok added another title to those gained by Chinese in this world of sport in Shanghai.

Hall, Butt and Gonsalves won the 3 man rescue team race and were very well versed in their work, and following this, Sonnenberg the local diving champion vied with Frankie Johnston in diving displays, the latter proving an excellent comedian in this line.

The interclub medley relay for the Vaughan Trophy saw the Rowing Club taking the lead in the backstroke thanks to a fine effort by Jackie Lumsdaine, but Dickie Hall caught up on Ray Dodd and gave L. Oliveira a good lead in the final, so that the Y.M.C.A. won in 1 minute 27-2/5 seconds, thereby equalling the record for this event. The Rowing Club were

GAVRILOFF ILL WITH TYPHOID ATTACK

Shanghai, August 17.—At a meeting of the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association held at noon yesterday, confirmation of the cable advice received from Hongkong was read in a letter received from the Colony's swimming body, advising the local group that the visiting swimmers would leave the Southern port on the s.s. Wingsang on August 27 and would arrive on August 31. Other members of the team would leave Hongkong on an Empress liner on September 3 and would arrive here later.

With the news that the visitors are definitely sending a team here, preparations are being speeded up to make the interport contest as successful as those which preceded it. Yesterday's meeting was a preliminary to others. A reply to Hong Kong is being drafted advising them that arrangements for their stay will be made. The visitors will be in Shanghai for some considerable time before the actual interport gala takes place as the meeting is scheduled for September 7, 8 and 9.

COLONY SENDING TWELVE

Hong Kong is sending up a team of twelve swimmers, including representatives in the various swimming events and in the relays and water polo. It is expected they will be a fairly good side and Shanghai will have to go out strongly to beat them.

The ailment of Toby Gavriloff has at last been diagnosed as Typhus, which means that he will be out of active participation for the whole summer and will definitely not be able to take part in the interport. His absence will be a tremendous loss, and the local team will have to look around for a swimmer to replace him. In the two Chinese swimmers, K. K. Lok and C. L. Wen, Shanghai has

COLONY'S INTERPORT SWIMMING TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Colony in the forthcoming Swimming Interport contest with Shanghai to be held at Shanghai on September 7, 8 and 9:—

W. Lawrence, (capt.)
D. H. Taylor,
David Hutchinson,
L. Roza Pereira,
C. N. da Silva,
C. Roza Pereira,
R. Silva-Netto,
N. Delgado,
L. M. Remedios,
Stanley Lee and
A. K. Rumjahn.



W. LAWRENCE

J. H. Lawrence will travel as manager. C. Roza Pereira, R. Silva-Netto and N. Delgado are making the trip solely for the purpose of playing water polo.

Taylor, Lawrence, Hutchinson and C. N. da Silva will represent the Colony in the free style relay; Taylor (free style), Hutchinson or L. M. Remedios (breast stroke) and A. K. Rumjahn (back stroke) will carry Hong Kong's colours in the medley relay.

second, five yards behind the winners and Dalo were third. The interport water polo trial completed the evening's entertainment.

Men's 50 yards free style Shanghai Championship:—1, Wen Ching Ling; 2, L. Oliveira; 3, Z. K. Lok. Time: 26-2/5 secs.

Men's 150 yards medley swim, Shanghai Championship:—1, E. L. McAllister; 2, G. Figueredo. Time: 1 min. 57-4/5 secs.

50 yards W.S.S. ladies' championship:—1, Miss D. Vickers; 2, Miss M. Krasnopeeva. Time: 37-1/5 secs.

Ladies' diving championship:—1, Miss B. Gray.

Men's 880 yards free style Shanghai Championship:—1, Z. K. Lok; 2, H. Schloten; 3, J. A. Figueredo. Time: 13 mins. 11-3/5 secs.

Three man rescue race. Winners:—Hall, Butt and Gonsalves.

Ladies' 50 yards free style Shanghai Championship:—1, Miss J. Carrel; 2, Miss Lin Mei Ling; 3, Mrs. A. F. Johnston. Time: 31-1/5 secs.

Interclub medley relay:—1, Foreign Y.M.C.A.;—A. Logan, R. Hall, L. Oliveira, 2, Rowing Club:—J. Lumsdaine, R. A. Dodd, L. Hekking. Time: 1 min. 27-2/5 secs.—N.C.D. News.

LEAGUE TENNIS

K.C.C. "A" -- SOUTH CHINA MATCH

Weather permitting, the much-postponed "B" Division League tennis match between K.C.C. "A" and South China will be played this afternoon at Cox's Road.

Following are the teams:—

K.C.C. "A"—A. V. White and F. Grose; N. A. E. Mackay and D. J. N. Anderson; W. M. Gittins and B. Soltau.

South China—W. T. Lee and C. S. Dew; F. N. Wong and H. K. Ho; N. K. Ma and W. H. Ho.

C.R.C. Beat H.K.C.C.

At Causeway Bay yesterday, C.R.C. beat H.K.C.C. 7½-1½ in an "A" Division League tennis match.

W. P. and Y. P. Taul (C.R.C.) beat H. Rode and T. C. Monaghan 6-3
lost to L. Goldman and M. Pagh 4-6
beat T. A. Pearce and W. Sander 6-4
W. Hung and Lu Tak-cheuk (C.R.C.)

beat Rode and Monaghan 6-4
beat Goldman and Pagh 6-4
beat Pearce and Sander 6-3
Paul Kong and Ho Ka-lau (C.R.C.)
beat Rode and Monaghan 6-2
beat Goldman and Pagh 6-3
tied with Pearce and Sander 6-6

TENNIS

ALL-AUSTRALIAN MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL IN U.S.

Brooklyn, (Massachusetts), To-day. —In the finals of the American National doubles championship, Miss Alice Marble, winner of the women's singles and doubles titles at Wimbledon, and Mrs. S. P. Fabyan, with whom she holds the women's doubles title at Wimbledon, beat the English Wightman Cup players, Miss Kay Stammers and Mrs. Freda James Hammersley 7-5, 8-6, thus gaining the title for the third successive year.

John Bromwich and Adrian Quist beat Jack Crawford and H. C. Hopman 8-6, 6-1, 6-4 in an all-Australian men's doubles final. This was the first time since the inauguration of the championship in 1881 that the contestants in this final have been four Australians.—Reuter.

the Semarang Selection who won the odd goal in five. Fung King-cheong netted both goals for the visitors. — Our Own Correspondent.

SOUTH CHINA LOSES IN JAVA

Java, To-day. The South China A.A. team scored another victory over the Semarang Champions on Sunday by 3 goals to 1 Lai Shui-wing (2) and Lee Wai-tong were the scorers. On Saturday they were defeated by

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in D Major, K. 537 ("Coronation") played by Wanda Landowska (Piano-forte) and a Chamber Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
Dixon Hits No. 2.—Medley.
Dixon Hits No. 16.—Medley.

1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Jump Jump's Here—Fox-Trot (Kline); The Spider and the Fly—Fox-Trot (Johnson)....The Milt Herth Quartet.
Sweet as A Song—Fox-Trot (Gordon & Revel)....The Organ, The Dance Band, and Me.

1.40 p.m.—Relay—Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Mr. C. E. Moore, B. Arch. (A.R.I.B.A. Subject: Civic Design and Town Planning.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—"La Traviata"—Act II (Verdi) with Lionello Cecil Lienna, Mercedes Capisir, Ida Conti, Carlo Caffini, S. Baccaloni, N. Villa, G. Nessi and the Full Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Milan.

6.57 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7 p.m.—A Concert by Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) and the Boston Promenade Orchestra.

Polonaise Militaire in A Major (Chopin, orch. by Glazounov); Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" Ballet (Tchaikovsky).... Boston Promenade Orchestra conducted by Arthur Fiedler.

Se Tu M'Ami (Pergolesi)....Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with the Renaissance Quartet.

Entry of The Boyards—March (Halvorsen); Jealousy—Tango Tzigane (Gade).... Boston Promenade Orchestra.

Through the Doorway of Dreams (Whiting); Alice Blue Gown (Tierney).... Jessica Dragonette (Soprano).

March of the Little Leaden Soldiers (Pierne).... Boston Promenade Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Half an Hour of Dance Music.

Angels with Dirty Faces (Fisher)—Fox-Trot; Between a Kiss and a Sigh (Johnson)—Fox-Trot Tommy Dorsey & His Orchestra.

Romp (Mezzrow)—Swing Fox-Trot; Who (Kern)—Swing Fox-Trot.... Frankie Newton and Orchestra.

Muziky, Muziky—Novelty; Beer Barrel Polka (Timm)....The Plehel Brothers (Harmonica Duet, with Guitar and Bass Acc.).

Non-Stop Flight—Fox-Trot (Shaw); Pross Chai (Chaplin)—Fox-Trot Artie Shaw & His Orch.

Rose of Washington Square—Fox-Trot (Hanley); And the Angels Sing—Fox-Trot (Elman).... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Liszt—Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem, played by The London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

8.20 p.m.—LONDON—The Third Cricket Test Match—England v. The West Indies. A commentary during play and a summary of the morning's play by Howard Marshall from Kennington Oval, London.

8.35 p.m.—STUDIO—A Recital by Elsie Yuen (Soprano) with the Very Rev. Father A. Riganti at the Piano.

Aprile (Tosti); Ave Maria (Tosti) Penso (Tosti)....Elsie Yuen (Soprano).

Allegro Moderato (Schubert); Ganzone (Heller); Capriccio (Heller)....The Very Rev. Father A. Riganti (Piano).

Trees (Rasbach); All Souls Day (Strauss); Invictus (Huhn) Elsie Yuen (Soprano).

9.05 p.m.—Ballet Suite—"Les Patineurs" (Meyerbeer), played by The Sadlers Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON—The News.

9.30 p.m.—LONDON—"Food For Thought". Short Talks on Matters of Topical Interest.

9.45 p.m.—LONDON—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

Back to Those Happy Days (Nicholls); Maybe I'm Wrong Again (Bennett); Love Is Everywhere—Film: Look Up and Laugh (Davies).

10 p.m.—LONDON—The Third Cricket Test Match—England v. The West Indies. A Commentary during play by Howard Marshall from Kennington Oval, London.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Playing The Game". A Farical Extravaganza with a Football Field Background.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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 ♣ A 6 8

♠ 9 6 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A J 10
 ♣ 7 4

♠ K 5
 ♥ K Q J 10 8
 ♦ 9 8 3 2
 ♣ 7 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Dbl.	2♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

To day's hand prompted Questions

No. 183 and 184 (the latter is answered below). South's third-hand heart

bid, made for leading purposes, is quite customary in expert circles. West quite properly passed. North responded with one spade, and now East, who was strong in the minor suits, made a takeout double. At this point

South, instead of passing, rashly re-bid his heart suit and West promptly doubled.

West opened the Queen of diamonds. Dummy's King covered and after taking the first trick East returned his only trump. Declarer was allowed to win the first trump trick, and when he laid down the spade King, West also allowed that to hold. West won the next spade with the Ace and played his remaining diamond.

East now returned a small dia-

mond, allowing his partner to trump with the nine of hearts. Now West played the Ace and another trump, thereby limiting the unfortunate Declarer to four trump tricks and one spade trick for a net penalty of 700 points.

* * *

Yesterday's question was inspired by the above hand. You were Merwin Maier's partner. Both sides were vulnerable and you held:

♠ A x x x
 ♥ A 9 0 2
 ♦ Q x
 ♣ A x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	Jacoby	You
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Dbl.	2♥	(?)

ANSWER: You should now double two hearts for business. Your hand should take at least four tricks and your partner, who evidently has passed a pretty good hand, will take at least two (See article above). Score 100% for double, 50% for two notrump, 50% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 185

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ A K x
 ♥ Q x x
 ♦ K Q x
 ♣ K J x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	You	Jacoby
1NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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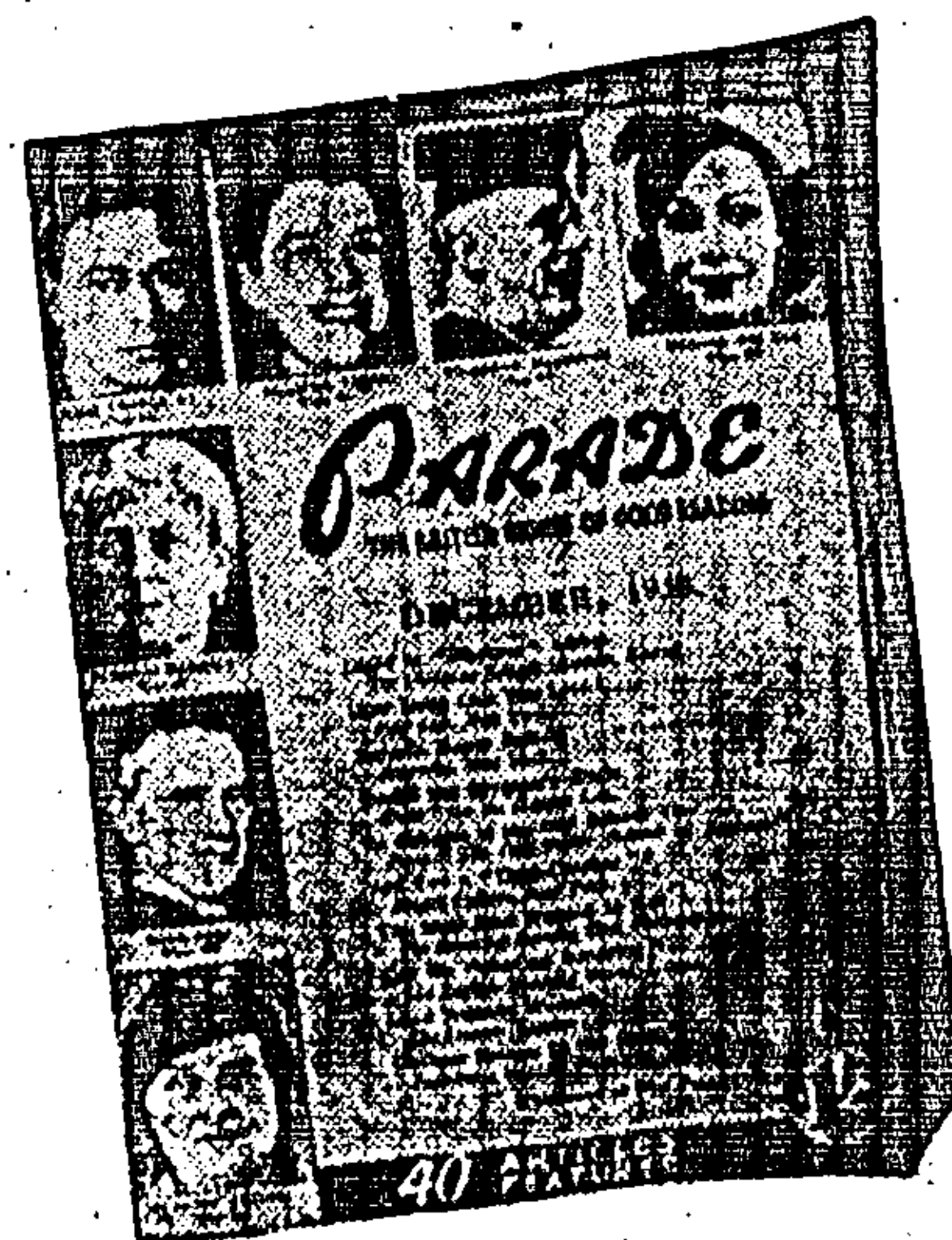
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VITAL CABINET MEETINGS IN LONDON AND PARIS

London, To-day.

THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, began yesterday morning and continued in the afternoon after lunch at 10, Downing Street.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Hore-Belisha, immediately after returning from Paris by special plane in the afternoon called at the War Office. Before leaving Paris, Mr. Hore-Belisha had a conference with the French Premier, M. Daladier, lasting an hour.

A continuous coming and going of diplomats and politicians at 10 Downing Street led to a crowd assembling in front of the Foreign Office which finally was cordoned off by the police.

It is now certain that to-day's Cabinet meeting will be attended by all Cabinet Ministers with the exception of the Lord Chamberlain, Lord Maughan, who is in Canada.

Of the London newspapers attributing a great deal of importance to to-day's Cabinet meeting the "Star" states that the following items are to be discussed by the Cabinet:

1. A confidential report from the Danzig League of Nations' Commissioner Burckhardt on his discussions with the German Chancellor.
2. The new German-Slovakian military treaty.
3. The reports which the British Ambassador to Berlin, Sir Neville Henderson, sent to London from Berlin and Salzburg respectively.
4. The consultations between the

Reich Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, the Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano and the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky.

5. Reports from Rome and Danzig.
6. The state of the Anglo-Soviet general staff talks in Moscow.
7. The endeavours of the Pope to bring about a peaceful settlement of the international conflicts. — Trans-Ocean.

SIGNIFICANT MEETING

Paris, To-day.

The French Cabinet Council to be held this afternoon at the War Ministry will be followed on Thursday afternoon by the Ministerial Council at the Elysee with President Lebrun in the chair.

It is learned from well informed French sources that Premier Daladier and Foreign Minister Bonnet will in-



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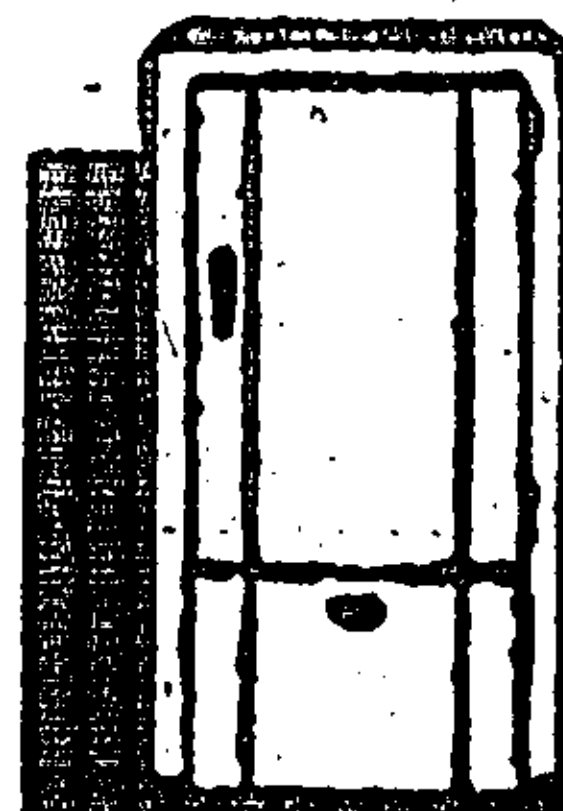
The Ministerial Council is expected to pass a number of economic emergency decrees to become valid in the event of the international crisis growing worse.

The Paris Monday afternoon press stressed by big headlines the significance of the British and French Cabinets meeting simultaneously.

Special importance is attached in connection herewith to the exchange of opinions between Premier Daladier and the British War Minister, Mr. Hore-Belisha, yesterday.

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